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SMITHFIELD PLANS TO BUILD HOSPITAL

At A Meeting Tuesday Night the Business Men of the Town Decided to Build A Fifty Thousand Dollar Hospital. A Nice Sum Subscribed at This Meeting.

Smithfield took the first steps Tuesday night in a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to build a hospital. A goodly number of the citizens were present and showed a lively interest in the subject of a hospital for the town and community and Johnston county. Mr. W. A. Cooper of Raleigh, who has been a trustee of Rex Hospital for the past fifteen years, was present at the meeting and told something about the work of a hospital and its real worth to the community. He also made some suggestions as to the organization of plans to finance the hospital. First, he suggested that a company should be organized to furnish the money to secure the grounds, building and equipment. Second, let a second organization be formed to be known as the Hospital Association, and this association to assume control of the hospital by lease or otherwise and manage it through a board of trustees who shall appoint a superintendent to manage it.

These suggestions were well received and upon motion of Mr. T. S. Ragsdale the meeting decided to take up the question along the lines suggested. The motion was finally passed provided for a corporation of \$50,000 capital to build and equip a hospital with two wards, an operating room, necessary offices and twelve to twenty private rooms. It also provided that the stockholders should receive an annual rental. While it is not regarded as a money making institution from the start, it is planned to pay a dividend to those who furnish the money to build it.

A subscription committee consisting of Messrs. F. H. Brooks, T. S. Ragsdale, C. A. Creech, H. P. Stevens and T. R. Hood was appointed and authorized to solicit funds with which to build the hospital. Subscriptions were taken for a little more than ten thousand at the meeting Tuesday night.

It is the intention of the soliciting committee to make a thorough canvass of the town and community for subscriptions and also to try to interest the people of the entire county in the move. Subscriptions will be received from anybody anywhere in the county. It is the intention of the promoters of the hospital to make it a memorial to the young men of Johnston county who went forth to fight for their country in the world war. It has been suggested that a tablet on which the names of all those who gave their lives for their country shall be inscribed.

A hospital is a needed institution to any community and no more worthy monument can be built to those who went heroically to the front at their nation's call than an institution for the aid of suffering humanity.

Dr. Register Dead.

One of the best known physicians of the South, Dr. E. C. Register, of Charlotte, died at a sanatorium there Wednesday after a short illness with pneumonia.

For a number of years he has been publishing the Charlotte Medical Journal, which he founded and which is regarded as one of the leading organs of the medical fraternity. He had held every office in the medical fraternity open to a southern doctor, and he was considered perhaps the best informed man in the south on the literature of medicine. It is understood that Dr. Register's library which is reported to be one of the largest private libraries in the south, has been bequeathed to Trinity College.

Hughes Not a Candidate.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 17.—Charles E. Hughes has written a letter to County Clerk Frank Dewey asking him not to proceed with plans to present Mr. Hughes' name in the state primary as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency.

"I cordially appreciate your personal interest and friendly sentiment you express," Mr. Hughes' letter reads. "I am utterly unwilling, however, to undertake a second candidacy."

McADOO WILL NOT PERMIT USE OF HIS NAME ON BALLOTS

Advocates Sending Unrestricted Delegates to Democratic National Convention.—Believes That at This Critical Time No Man Or Woman Should Be Bound to Particular Candidate.

New York, Feb. 18.—William Gibbs McAdoo announced today that he would not permit his name to be used on presidential primary ballots in the various states and that he advocated the sending of unrestricted delegates to the democratic national convention. The former secretary of the treasury said he believed the highest constructive leadership can best be obtained if the national interest "is not submerged in a contest of individual candidates."

"Personally," Mr. McAdoo continued, "I would be delighted if the next national convention might actually be a great democratic conference here the utmost freedom of action should prevail and where the motive of high service alone should control."

The obligations of citizenship in a democracy are supreme, he said, and therefore he should "regard it as the imperative duty of any man to accept a nomination if it should come to him unsolicited."

"I am not seeking the nomination," the letter read, "and am reluctant to do anything that would create the appearance of a candidacy."—Associated Press.

MAD DOG MADE A RAID IN PLEASANT GROVE

Bit A Number of Other Dogs and One Boy and Was Later Killed—Not Known Where He Came From.

A correspondent wrote us a few days ago about the raid of a mad dog made through Pleasant Grove township. After fighting and biting a number of dogs and one boy the dog was pursued by some men on a Ford car and killed near Rehoboth church. We have heard of no danger befalling the boy that was bitten. The dog failed to bring the blood.

Since this rabid dog bit a number of other dogs on his route through Pleasant Grove the people of the section through which he passed should watch very carefully every dog they meet. The better plan would be to kill every dog that is suspected of having been bitten. One child's life is worth all the dogs of the county. There is a law on the statute books touching such cases and the people should seek to know something of its provisions and govern themselves accordingly.

The Dog Law.

Section 3305, of the North Carolina Revisal of 1908, reads as follows: "If the owner of any dog shall know, or have good reason to believe, that his dog, or any dog belonging to any person under his control, has been bitten by a mad dog, and shall neglect or refuse immediately to kill the same, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars to him who will sue therefor; and the offender shall be liable to pay all damages which may be sustained by any one, in his property or person, by the bite of any such dog, and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days."

GENERAL NEWS.

Coca Cola dividend of one dollar on each of the 500,000 shares of stock was declared at the meeting of the directors held in Atlanta Tuesday.

Five enlisted men were drowned in the sinking of a naval water barge Wednesday off the Cuban coast. No details of the sinking have been given.

Women voters are being urged to line up with some party but not to become "regulars" and go to the polls as mere endorsers of platforms others have written.

Albert Loner, secretary and treasurer of steel and iron mills in Illinois, was arrested in Chicago Tuesday charged with bribing the internal revenue collector, giving him \$15,000 to obviate payment of \$150,000 income tax.

The police department of New York City put through its biggest financial bargain Wednesday when it purchased the Penobscot, a steam ship, for one dollar. The Penobscot was built three years ago at a cost of \$400,000. It will take the place of the police boat, Patrol, which has seen 20 years of service in the New York harbor.

ASKS HELP FOR STARVING ORPHANS

Judge Brooks, Chairman for Armenian and Syrian Relief Campaign, Calls on Johnston County Sunday Schools to Aid in This Worthy Cause.

I have finally agreed to accept the Chairmanship in this County for the Near East Relief Fund, which was last year known as the Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund, under Hon. Geo. H. Bellamy, State Chairman.

There are about one and a half million people who are in intimate danger of dying from starvation during the winter unless relief is sent them soon. There are 250,000 helpless children who could be saved by quick action from America. These people have suffered untold persecution from the hands of the miserable Turks. Their men were killed, their women taken into harems, and their people driven from their homes. Recent reports coming to America, are that the women were stripped of their clothing and driven across the desert by the herds. The sands of the desert are strewn with the dead carcasses of these people, who would drop by the way side, faint from hunger and fatigue, and left there to die. The people of this country were the first Christian nations of the earth, and they have suffered untold hardships for the sake of their religion. The people of America cannot appreciate what it means to be a Christian in that land. It is hard to believe the stories that are brought to America from these wretched people. They still cling to their faith in God, and hold out their pitiful hands to America for help.

Johnston county is asked to provide for 64 orphans. It will cost only \$60.00 a year, \$5.00 a month, to care for an orphan in the Near East. There should be no trouble to raise twice that much money in Johnston county, for this worthy cause. The Presbyterian Sunday school of Smithfield, a few Sundays ago pledged to take care of 12 orphans, and the Baptist Sunday school did as well or a little better.

I want to ask every Sunday school in the county, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and all denominations to take a special collection during the month of February, either the 22nd or 29th, for this worthy cause. The money could be paid cash or it could be paid at the rate of \$5.00 per month. Quite a number of Sunday school classes have agreed to pay \$5.00 a month this year for the maintenance of this work. Anyone desiring literature on this subject, as well as pledge cards, can get the same by writing me or calling at my office. Feb. 19th, 1920.

F. H. BROOKS,
County Chairman Near East Fund.

CORINTH NEWS.

Wendell, Feb. 19.—Our school has been stopped because of the flu but began again Monday, February 16.

Miss Emma Davis spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Freeman Thomason of Pleasant Hill.

Mr. Weldon Liles was among the sick list for the past week but is out again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Davis motored up to Wendell to see the eye specialist Tuesday.

Miss Fionnie Liles has returned from a visit to her sister Mrs. E. P. Hales of Hales Chapel. We are glad to see her home again.

We are glad to see the farmers of our community progressing so well. Some have painted their buildings and some are erecting new dwellings.

Our school has organized a literary society and has a fine program for Friday afternoon. It is hoped the attendance will be large.

Miss Verna Hocutt is home again after an extended trip to Durham.

Mr. Albert Davis who spent the past two weeks in Wilson county with friends and relatives has returned.

Master Ronald Hocutt is out again after a serious case of the flu.

It is hoped a large crowd will be out for the services Saturday and Sunday which will be held by Rev. C. H. Cashwell.

BIG SIX.

The League of Women Voters, successor to the National Suffrage Association, has endorsed the League of Nations but rejected universal military training.

COTTON STORAGE WAREHOUSE COMPANY

Organization Perfected Wednesday Afternoon Under the Charter Which Was Secured Last Week. Seventeen Directors Named.

The stockholders of the Cotton Storage Warehouse Company met in the court house here Wednesday afternoon and organized under the charter which Messrs. J. W. Stephenson, J. D. Parker and A. M. Johnson secured last week. A full attendance of the stockholders was present and the following board of directors was chosen after the corporation adopted a constitution and by-laws:

S. T. Liles, J. D. Parker, S. P. Honeycutt, S. T. Price, J. Rufus Creech, C. M. Wilson, A. M. Johnson, W. H. Flowers, E. G. Holland P. E. Johnson, J. E. Yelvington, J. W. Stephenson, W. H. Oliver, A. M. Rose, W. H. Austin, W. N. Barden and Robt. A. Sanders.

The directors met at once and elected the following officers to serve out the present fiscal year which was made to end June 30:

S. T. Liles, Wilson's Mills, president
J. W. Stephenson, Smithfield, vice-president.

A. M. Johnson, Smithfield, Manager and Secretary.

R. P. Holding, treasurer.
Board of Directors:
Finance Committee: W. H. Austin, J. W. Stephenson and A. M. Johnson.
Building Committee: W. H. Austin, J. W. Stephenson, A. M. Johnson.

Mr. T. B. Parker, of Raleigh, State Superintendent of cotton warehouses, was present with Mr. J. M. Workman, the State and Federal warehouse specialist, and explained the steps to be taken to come under the warehouse acts.

BETHANY NEWS.

On February 14 at half past three o'clock in the afternoon, the spirit of Mrs. Lena Creech, wife of Mr. Spurgeon Creech took its flight from this world to God who gave it. Only 24 years old, it seemed as if she had just begun to live when God called her. Pneumonia following influenza was the cause of her death. All that loved ones could do was done but God called her to go. Her funeral was preached by her pastor, Rev. W. D. Stancil at Bethany church, of which she was a devoted member, on Sunday where a large crowd of surviving ones gathered to pay the last tribute of respect. The pall bearers were Messrs. James Moore, Robert Pittman, W. W. Mumford, James Woodard, and B. B. Batten. She leaves a heart broken husband, two small children, the youngest three weeks old, a father, mother, five brothers, four sisters, and a large crowd of friends to mourn their loss. But we feel that our loss is her gain.

The wife of Mr. Fred Smith who lives on the Elwood farm died Tuesday, February 17, of influenza. She leaves a husband and several small children.

The families of Mr. Joe Cockrel and Mr. Milton Price, some of Mr. Bill Bunn's family, Mr. Jacob Creech, Misses Sadie and Ruby Creech, are sick of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Creech of Durham have been spending sometime in this section.

Mr. Jacob Tyner, of Four Oaks, visited Mrs. Ora Creech last Saturday. Mr. Julian Creech has returned home after spending some time in Ohio.

Mr. Austin Price, who has been sick of influenza at Micro has returned home.

Price's school stopped Tuesday and the teachers have gone home.

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Commission as Judge to Cranmer.

In compliance with his announced determination, Governor Bickett Monday forwarded to Mr. E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, his commission as judge of the supreme court of the Eighth judicial District to succeed Judge W. P. Stacy, whose resignation reached the Governor Sunday.

Taft to Be in Winston-Salem.

Former President Taft will deliver a lecture in Winston-Salem Friday evening, March 19, under the auspices of the Rotary Club and Salem College. His subject has not been announced.

WILSON'S ACTION CAUSES MUCH SURPRISE IN LONDON

President's Reappearance As Determined Party in Peace Negotiations Construed As Almost As Threatening As Famous Order to Have Ship Ready to Take Him Home.

London, Feb. 16.—President Wilson's note to the Peace Conference on the Adriatic question has furnished London political and newspaper circles with a surprise and interest surpassing that evoked by the Wilson-Lansing correspondence. The Lansing incident was regarded as an American family affair, toward which foreigners should be merely disinterested spectators. The President's reappearance as a determined party in the peace negotiations was construed as almost as threatening as his order for the George Washington to be prepared to take him home from France.

The first versions of the event gave it the aspect of an ultimatum, which meant that the council of the allies must stand by the terms which President Wilson accepted in December, or America would shake the dust of European affairs off her feet altogether and also that the council had framed a stiffly worded reply adhering to its January offer to the Jugo-Slavs.

Later information appeared to soften the stiff-necked positions created to both parties. This consisted of messages from Washington that too sweeping a construction has been given to the President's words, fortified by news from Downing street that the council had not finished composing its answer. Nevertheless Premier Millerand's cheerful observation to the reporters on Friday—"there is not a cloud ahead"—is taken as purely diplomatic optimism.—Associated Press.

PRIVATE CONTROL ON TRIAL.

Government Ownership of Railroads an "Experiment in Socialism Necessitated by the War," Says Hoover.

The return of the railroads to private ownership on March first will mean the placing of private operation on its "final trial," in the opinion of Herbert Hoover, expressed Tuesday night in his inaugural address as president of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, at New York. At the same time Mr. Hoover attacked government operation of either railroads or shipping as "experiment in socialism necessitated by the war," to which there were many fundamental objections.

"No scheme of political appointment," Mr. Hoover said, "has ever been devised that will replace competition in its selection of ability and character. Both shipping and railroads have today the advantage of many skilled personnel, sifted out in a hard school of competition and even then the government operation of these enterprises is not proving satisfactory. Therefore, the ultimate inefficiency that would arise from the deadening paralysis of bureaucracy has not yet had full opportunity for development. Already we can show that no government under pressure of ever present political or sectional interests can properly conduct the risks of extension and improvement, or can be free from local pressure to conduct unwarranted services in industrial enterprise."

State Democratic Executive Committee to Meet.

The members of the State Democratic executive committee will meet in Raleigh Tuesday, March 2, at 8 p. m., to fix date for holding precinct meetings and county conventions of the party throughout the State, and issue the call for the State convention, which is expected to meet some time in April to formulate the Democratic platform and make ready for the drive against the opposition later in the year.

Mrs. Pankhurst in Kinston-Goldsboro

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, perhaps the most famous woman suffragist in the world, of England, now touring parts of the United States, delivered an address in Kinston Wednesday evening in the basement of the First Baptist church under the auspices of the Young Ladies Circle of the congregation. Her subject was "The Woman Versus Bolshevism."

Tuesday evening Mrs. Pankhurst addressed a large audience in the court house auditorium at Goldsboro.

KAISER'S PRESENCE REGARDED DANGEROUS

Fatally Ineffective Supervision of Former Emperor of Germany, Allies State in Reply.—Immense Sacrifices Of Allies Entitle Them to Ask Reconsideration.

London, Feb. 16.—The new note sent by the Allies to Holland again urges the danger of the permanent presence of the former Emperor under what is declared to be fatally ineffective supervision of a few kilometres from the German frontier. It begs Holland to reconsider the question of asylum for the ex-ruler.

The note contends that the immense sacrifices of the Allies entitle them to ask the Netherlands to consider the Allied viewpoint, but the powers do not ask that she depart from her traditions and policy. The powers point out that the League of Nations has not yet reached a state of development permitting it, or any tribunal created by it, to take the needful prompt and effective action.

The note expressed surprise at the absence of any word of disapproval of the former Kaiser's crimes in the Dutch reply, and reminds the Queen's government that by adherence to its viewpoint it would assume the direct responsibility of sheltering a criminal from justice and for that propaganda which is dangerous to Europe and the whole world.—Associated Press.

WILSON'S RECENT ILLNESS BRINGS SOME PROPOSALS

Resolutions Offered In Congress To Determine Disability of The President.

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Wilson's extended illness and the attendant discussion as to whether he was incapacitated for continuing his duties gave rise today to two proposals in the House to clarify and supplement constitutional provision on the subject. It was made clear, however, that neither proposal was aimed at President Wilson, the intent being to define the procedure for future emergencies beyond any possibility of misconstruction or partisan action.

The first proposal was in the form of a resolution for a constitutional amendment, introduced by Representative Fess, of Ohio, chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, proposing to have the Supreme Court determine the ability of a President to discharge his duties, whenever authorized by a concurrent resolution of Congress. If Congress was not sitting when the emergency arose, the Vice-President would be authorized to call a special session.

"Unless the constitution expressly states that Congress shall be the judge of the disability of the executive," Mr. Fess said, "it is argued that it can not safely be allowed by inference, especially would this be true where the two departments might belong to different political parties."

"The uncertainty of the constitutional question would strongly argue the wisdom, if not necessity of an amendment pointing the way out of a possible embarrassment."

Virtually the same procedure was outlined in a bill introduced by Representative Rogers, Republican of Massachusetts, and referred to the Judiciary Committee along with the Fess resolution.—Associated Press.

STATE NEWS.

Hamlet will vote in March on \$100,000 bonds for school improvement.

The Farmville school board has let contract to J. W. Stout for erection of high school containing 24 rooms to cost \$125,000.

East Durham Baptist church of which Rev. H. F. Brinson, formerly pastor at Smithfield, is pastor, plans to erect a building to cost \$40,000.

The County Home in Wilson county has been sold at auction and on land reserved for the purpose it is the plan to erect a modern home.

Kinston business women are planning the organization of a Chamber of Commerce. It may have another name but its purposes will be the same.

A triple burial occurred in Greensboro Tuesday when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pressley and their only child Gracie, were interred in Green Hill cemetery. All three were victims of influenza and pneumonia.