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PRESIDENT WILSON TO HELP IN THE CAMPAIGN

Has Been Working Behind the Scenes in the Campaign for Several Weeks—Statements to Public

Washington, Sept. 23.—Democrats are delighted that the President has entered the campaign. Indeed, it is now known that the President has been working behind the scenes in the campaign for several weeks, and that before another ten days have passed he will have taken his place in the center of the stage with the Democratic candidate, Governor Cox.

Word comes from the White House that he is not only planning to throw a number of bombs directly into the Republican camp himself, but that he is preparing bombs for other men to throw. His activities will be confined to statements to the public, to letters to candidates, and to interviews with the leading Democrats on how to carry on the fight.

It is said that he has been advising Governor Cox by post and by wire for some time. It is understood that when the Governor came here to call on the President in July, he requested him to advise him especially on the League of Nations. The statement of Governor Cox to a California audience to the effect that he would permit any reservations except nullifying reservations in order to get the league ratified, is said to have been authorized by the President.

The President is reported as saying that Senator Harding's speeches are without weight or force. He is said to regard them as of good Democratic doctrine, that is that they will make Democrats of Republicans.

Government Schools for Ex-Soldiers

The Government is beginning a new system of training schools for former service men. These are called Pre-Vocational Training Schools and are for the benefit of men who are not yet ready to enter the regular Vocational Training Schools. One of these schools was to have begun work in Charlotte yesterday and another will probably be opened in Greensboro, within two weeks. Others will doubtless be established at Raleigh and other points soon. From his entrance into one of these schools the student receives pay enough from the War Department to meet all expenses.

If the former service man can show proof that he is already receiving compensation for wounds, he can enter one of these schools without any delay. If he can show proof of disability, for which he is not receiving compensation he can apply for entrance with a good chance of being accepted.

Applicants of either class, should apply to the Home Service Secretary of the Red Cross. Miss Cora Bell Ives is the Secretary for Johnston county.

Which of the Four Got the Position?

A prominent merchant in Johnston county, advertised for a clerk. A young man soon applied for the job. Why, said the merchant, "do you wish to work for me—just give me your reasons for wanting this place." "Well" replied the youth, "father said it was time I got out and did some work, and I thought I'd as soon work for you as anybody. The merchant did not think the place would suit the young man.

A second one applied. Said the merchant, "tell me why do you wish to work for me?" You see, said the applicant, "I haven't been right well lately, and I thought if I got out and did some work, maybe it might help me." But the merchant did not look upon his store as a health resort and told the gentleman so.

After a while a third came in, and the merchant made the same inquiry of him. "Well" said the tired looking applicant, "the work where I've been was hard, and I concluded I'd look for something easy." He too was rejected.

At last a freckled face boy came in evidently just from the farm. Said the proprietor to him, "tell me why you have come to get work in my store. The country boy said, "well, it was this way, I've got to get my living, and I know well I've got to work like the dickens to get it, and somehow it struck me, that you and me might hit it off together." It is needless to say, that he got the job.

KENLY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Atkinson, of Austin, Texas, spent the week-end with their cousin, Mr. J. G. High.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met at the Parsonage Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Meeting held by Mrs. A. J. Broughton, Reading by Mrs. J. E. Holden, Mrs. J. W. Durden and Mrs. Dr. Woodard. Duet by Mrs. J. J. Edgerton and Mrs. H. M. Gizzard. It was decided that the Ladies would serve barbecue at the Community Fair to be held here October 5th. Everybody invited to attend the fair and eat dinner.

Mrs. J. G. High has returned from Middlesex and Wilson after spending several days with relatives.

Mr. Johnnie Howell, of Florence, S. C., is spending a few days here with his parents this week.

We were glad to see Miss Gladys Jerome back in our town for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton, Mr. J. M. Woodard, Dr. and Mrs. Edmundson Hooks motored to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. M. G. Watson spent Monday in Raleigh on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Tyner spent Sunday in Rocky Mount and Louisville visiting relatives.

Mr. C. L. Larence has returned from a visit to Statesville, Winston-Salem and other places.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bridger Sunday the 19th, a son, Clarence Edgerton.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lily, of Jamesville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bailey.

Miss Adna Lee Bailey left last week to enter Salem College at Winston-Salem.

Miss Beaulah Bailey has returned from a visit to Winston-Salem and Greensboro.

Mrs. Jack Stallings is visiting relatives in Jamesville.

Mrs. A. G. Tyner and Master Paul Hayes Etheridge spent last Thursday in Selma with Mrs. J. M. Oneal.

There will be services at the Missionary Baptist church conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. E. Stevens, Sunday next.

Be sure to attend the community fair at Kenly October 5th, 1920.

Kenly, N. C., September 21, 1920.

A Christian Nobleman.

The sudden and surprising death of Editor T. J. Lassiter of The Smithfield Herald, brought grief not alone to his loved ones but to a great host of friends throughout the state. Mr. Lassiter was one of those Christian noblemen the state can ill afford to lose. He lived and labored for the good of others. His life was clean and high. From his boyhood he was a gentleman. He did not live long, but he lived well. Thanks be unto God, for a man like Tom Lassiter. To the broken and bereaved family circle we offer our tender sympathy.—Charity and Children.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas it has pleased the will of our Father to take from us one who has so faithfully performed his duty in our Sunday School and Church and whereas, we so deeply feel our loss in the death of Brother Lassiter who was removed from our midst Thursday, September 9, 1920. We desire to cherish and perpetuate his memory in the following resolutions:

1. Resolved that the Smithfield Baptist Sunday School has lost one of its ablest and most beloved members, teachers and officers.

2. That the Church has lost one of its most faithful deacons and strongest members.

3. That we extend to the family our heart-felt sympathy in their bereavement. We know that we express the sentiment of all of the members of the Sunday School and Church when we say that in the death of Brother Lassiter we have lost one of our foremost members and efficient workers.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, recorded on the minutes of the Sunday School, recorded on the minutes of the Church, forwarded to the Biblical Recorder and to the local press.

S. J. KIRBY
L. T. ROYALL
R. P. HOLDING
Committee.

STOCK AGENTS INVADE DUNN.

Grave Concern Over Financial Safety Of Farmers Who Are Victims Of Stock Schemes.

Dunn, Sept. 23.—Operations of wildcat stock salesmen have made such serious inroads on the community wealth that bankers and other business men are evincing grave concern over the financial safety of some of the most well-to-do farmers of the Dunn district. It is estimated that fully \$100,000 in worthless stock have been placed with farmers in this immediate territory.

Oil stocks are the most frequently offered, though the operators have not confined themselves to any particular field. Old Nevada gold stocks have been resuscitated, refurbished and offered to the gullible as the one sure road to wealth, and all the old "skin games" have been revived to get the shekels from the unsuspecting.

So serious has become the situation that E. P. Davis, a local banker, has forwarded a letter of warning to all customers of his bank.

Gov. Cox's Train Wrecked

Phoenix, Ariz., Sept.—Governor Cox's presidential campaign train was wrecked about 4:30 o'clock today, 14 miles north of here, while enroute to Prescott, Ariz.

The Democratic presidential candidate and party were severely shaken when an engine and four cars of the special train were ditched, but all escaped serious injury. The most seriously injured was Charles A. Nichols, the engineer, of Prescott, whose leg was broken when the engine toppled over.

Spreading Rails Cause.

Spreading rails were assigned by railroad men as the cause of the wreck, which compelled the governor and his party to return here tonight and cancel his evening address at Prescott. His future itinerary was upset.

The accident occurred a half mile out of Peoria, a village on the Santa Fe railroad. After delivering several speeches here, the train, consisting of six cars and drawn by two heavy engines, needed for the upgrade to Prescott, left here at 4 o'clock. About a half hour later while running at a speed between 35 and 40 miles an hour the train jarred suddenly, as if in collision, and then application of the emergency brakes, bumping over broken rails and ties, and the careening of the cars, told passengers the story.

The four forward coaches were ditched. The Governor's private car at the rear and the adjoining compartment car of newspapermen, except for its forward truck, remained on the rails.

A baggage coach jumped the track about fifteen feet and turned over. Two passenger coaches and another compartment car behind also slipped ten feet from the track and partly toppled over.

Second Engine Derailed
The first engine of the double-header, Engineer F. C. Sutton, of Prescott, said, left the rails first and then jumped on again, but the second engine toppled over amid a cloud of escaping steam.

All of the passengers on all cars were thrown topsy-turvy. Some suffered bruises and cuts from flying glass. In the rush to escape, several women passengers in the coaches were put through broken windows.

Governor Cox was in the dining room of his private car going over papers with Dr. Robert C. Goldsmith, his assistant on the League of Nations question, when the crash occurred.

Nominee Helps Injured
"What's that?" he shouted, being thrown heavily across the car. He was shaken up, but rushed out to assist the injured and afterwards, smoking a pipe, waited for a wrecking train to arrive and take him back to Phoenix.

The railroad track was torn up for 400 feet with bent rails, broken ties and glass scattered about.

St Mary's Grove Freewill Church

We are requested to announce that the members of St Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church are expected to be present next Saturday as it is time to call the pastor for next year and fix up business for the coming year. Please be present and assist us in these matters of business.

D. C. JOHNSON, Pastor

GIRLS SOLVE LABOR PROBLEM.

Flora Macdonald Girls Organize To Do Servant's Work for The College Year.

Red Springs, Sept. 23.—Seventy members of the Sophomore class of Flora Macdonald College have pledged themselves to aid the institution this year in solving the scarcity of labor problem. The class has been divided into eight divisions and these sections will have entire charge of the sweeping and dusting of class rooms, dormitories and halls on three floors during the entire year.

The Sophomores have undertaken this work, not only with a desire to aid the college in a practical way, but because of their belief that it will serve to increase the domestic spirit of the student body. Thirty-eight students are acting this year as dining room girls and J. L. Harrison, formerly of the Francis Hotel, Winston-Salem, and now steward at the college, characterizes their work as 100 per cent efficient.

CLAYTON NEWS

Clayton, N. C., Sept. 25.—Mrs. Herman Whitley left this week for her home at Norfolk after spending sometime here.

Mrs. Will R. Smith and children of Selma are spending the week-end here with relatives.

Miss Ruth Penny left this week for Chapel Hill to enter school.

Mrs. J. L. Godwin and baby, Jasper Jr., are spending this week at Nashville.

Misses Barbara and Jessie Gurley spent a few days this week in Selma. Miss Eloise Turley left Thursday morning for Como where she will teach school this winter.

Mr. Claude Dixon, of Benson was here on a visit this week.

Messrs. Sherwood Hobbey and Cedric O'Neal left this week for Chapel Hill to enter the University.

The meeting at the Methodist Church closed on Thursday night. It was a great success. Some very able sermons being preached by Mr. North and several members were added to the church.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Moore are back in town. Mr. Moore has been assisting in a revival at Aulander while Mrs. Moore has been visiting in Scotland Neck.

Mr. Pou To Speak at Bailey

One of the most important political meetings of the campaign will take place at Bailey, October 7th. Bailey is in Wake county but only a short car ride from portions of Johnston and no doubt the rally will be attended by many of our citizens.

Senator Simmons will speak and so will our townsman, Hon. Edward W. Pou. Two thousand pounds of barbecue will afford material nourishment, while the speeches of our Senator and Representative will furnish food for the intellect.

Sometimes the effect of a mans personality like that of a picture, is lost by nearness the perspective is lacking. But just because they are our neighbors, North Carolinians will not forget that during the greatest conflict in the nation's history, Senator Simmons was the leader of the United States Senate, and Mr. Pou was acknowledged one of the administration's strongest supporters, in the House. No two men in the state, are better qualified than they, to present the political issues of the day, from the standpoint of first hand knowledge. The speaking will begin about 10:30 o'clock.

Three Brandy Stills Captured

Last Friday E. G. Richardson Oscar Raines, Mr. Shugart, Sheriff Massey and Deputy Sheriff J. D. Stephenson captured three brandy stills near Micro and Bagley. First they found a forty gallon copper still near Micro. The still had just completed a charge and was hid in some bushes near the furnace which was still smoking. Next between Bagley and old Beulah village about three hundred yards back of the home of Charley Lane they captured two 35 gallons copper brandy stills. At this still there were four men all of whom ran off except Charley Lane. They took him but he gave bond to appear before Commissioner R. J. Noble in Selma next Monday. These stills were running and around them was taken about twenty-five gallons of apple brandy.

FOREIGN NEWS

A regular Air service has been commenced between Denmark and England.

Canada expects to export wheat to the value of four hundred million dollars from the present harvest.

The Poles have made a general advance against the Bolsheviks, and have driven them out of Eastern Galicia.

The premiers of all the Balkan states will meet at Bucharest in October, to discuss a plan for the union of Greece, Roumania, Bulgaria and Jugoslavia, into a confederation.

15 Million flower bulbs were brought into New York last week, on a freight steamer from Holland. This was the first shipment of bulbs from Holland since the out-break of the war in 1914.

And speaking of air mails. We have been thinking of Spain as hopelessly behind the times, but here comes the announcement that the air mail services between Spain and France, over the Pyrenees, is working with great success.

It is estimated that the deposed princess of the houses of Hapsburg, Romanoff and Hohenzollern, have 430 million dollars worth of jewels deposited with Swiss banks. It is said that these royalties have sold or pawned twice that many jewels since 1911.

The former Kaiser had a little hospital built at Amerongen, as a memorial for the asylum given him by Holland, when he fled from Germany. When he turned it over to the village authorities last week, he was bombarded with flowers by his grateful neighbors and for the first time since his exile was the center of a scene of grandeur.

A vertiable reign of terror is sweeping over Ireland. Last week the "Black and Tans" as the English recruits to the Royal Irish Constabulary are called, caused so much havoc in the small industrial town of Balbriggan, the center of the famous hosiery plants, that practically all the inhabitants fled. Numbers of people were killed and the whole rows of houses were burned. The victims were suspected of being Sinn Feiners. The English military forces in Ireland are said to be beyond the control of the leaders.

Poland and Lithuania have agreed to accept the plans laid down by the League of Nations, for the settlement of their dispute, and the controversy is over. The trouble between Sweden and Finland over the possession of the Aland islands has been referred to the League, and the Swedish prime minister says that this incident has proven the right of the League to live. These settlements are very significant, as either disagreement could have easily led to war, but as might have been expected the Republican press is seeking to minimize their effect.

The famous leaning tower of Pisa was endangered by the recent earthquake in Italy. This wonderful piece of architecture is the belfry of the cathedral which was erected by the Pisans to celebrate a naval victory in 1063, when they united with the Normans and drove the Saracens out of Sicily. Some experts think that the inclination was intentional, though it is more probable that while the tower was in process of erection, the foundation began to give way. It was strengthened with iron bars, and has withstood time and earthquakes for 8 hundred years.

Fire at State Hospital

The laundry building at the State Hospital for the insane at Raleigh, was entirely destroyed by fire, Saturday morning. The blaze originated on the roof, but the explosion of a tank of gasoline soon spread it over the whole building. One thousand patients confined in the hospital, were thrown into a panic, but none were injured. Dr. Anderson, the Superintendent, and his wife narrowly escaped death, when the explosion sent a heavy piece of timber within a short distance of their heads. The laundry will immediately be replaced with a modern building.

Body of Mr. H. E. Higgins Arrives

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Higgins received a telegram Sunday that the body of their son, Mr. Herman E. Higgins had arrived at New York from France and would be shipped to Smithfield at once for burial here.

THE BRANDY MAKERS ARE HIT A HEAVY BLOW

Three Manufactories Seized and Destroyed In Johnston County By Federal Officers

Yesterday was an exceedingly ill-starred day for the apple brandy industry in Johnston county. No less than three modern and complete such manufactories were seized and destroyed by a detachment of State and Federal Officers, the ground in their vicinity plentifully irrigated with the priceless liquid, and one man having a proprietary interest in one of the plants arrested. Others sought safety in flight but not before they had been fully recognized by the officers, and their arrest is imminent.

Two of the stills were taken in one place, both operated under one management. Both were of well burnished copper, 40-gallon capacity, and both going full blast when the invading officers emerged from the encircling bastion of thick bushes which surrounded the plant. Four men, all white, were present, but three of them made off. Charles Lane stayed by to defend his property rights and got pinched. He will be haled before United States Commissioner Nobles Monday week to explain the hows and wherefores of his being there.

The section of Johnston in which the prohibition drive was launched early yesterday morning is noted for its apple brandy, and for the determination of the manufacturers according to Revenue Officer Raney, who commanded the expedition. It is a few miles north of Selma, in the neighborhood of the village of Micro. It was in this section that Deputy Sheriff Wall was shot about a year ago while leading a raid in the night. The inhabitants who devote themselves to brandy making are regarded as most dangerous men.

The first still to fall a prey to the raiders was found a mile north of Micro yesterday morning. It was a modernly appointed establishment, 45 Gallons capacity, copper and still hot when the officers got there. The operators had quit the scene but a moment before, hurriedly taking the still apart and hiding the pieces separately in the adjacent brush. There was no trace of brandy, cider or anything else. The officers chopped the still to pieces and carried it away with them.

Continuing their drive the officers advanced to within a mile of Bagley. Here they found the brace of stills, with roaring fires under each, and the brandy trickling out of the worm. There was 25 gallons of it setting by in jugs and kegs, but no cider. The run was almost over. There were four men in attendance upon the plant all known to at least one of the officers. Three of them made off through the woods, but Charles Lane stuck by. The others were John and Roy Robertson and J. B. Weaver according to Mr. Raney.

Yesterday was the beginning of a determined drive on the brandy makers of Johnston county and the officers declare that they are going to keep at it until they have at least materially curtailed the output in that section. In the party besides Mr. Raney were Special Officers E. G. Richardson, J. A. Shugart, Sheriff Massey and Deputy Joe Stephens, of Johnston.—News and Observer, Sept. 25th.

Hospital Directors Meet

The board of directors of the hospital held a meeting Tuesday night, and elected Mr. H. B. Marrow, Secretary and Treasurer to succeed the late Mr. T. J. Lassiter.

The board considered several names proposed for the institution. It favored calling it the Johnston County Memorial Hospital, but this objection was made. Most of the new County Homes are now called County Hospitals and the board did not wish to confuse names with a public institution. It therefore decided upon the name Smithfield Memorial Hospital and it is to be a monument to all the Johnston county boys who lost their lives in the World War.

Family Reunion.

A reunion of the family of the late Henry Lee will be held at my home on October 1, 1920. All the family, and friends and kindred of the family are cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets.—Dallas Lee.