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## PRESIDENT WILSON IS NOW ACTIVELY IN THE CAMPAIGN

### Secretary Tumulty Writes Documents Regarding League of Nations Aid Cox's Candidacy.

Washington, Sept. 28.—President Wilson took his first active part today in the presidential campaign. He had Secretary Tumulty write the first of a series of documents regarding the league of nations and other public questions which it is proposed to issue from the White House to further the candidacy of Governor Cox.

The document was in the form of a reply to the letter of E. M. Swartz, of Los Angeles, Calif., discussing the league of nations covenant in relation to the Irish question. Mr. Swartz had written the President that some Republicans contended that if the league covenant was ratified with article X, in this country "would be bound to support England in holding Ireland under subjections."

In his letter of reply Mr. Tumulty called attention to certain questions and answers with reference to Article X and the question of self-determination which were made public by the President while he was on his western tour in the interest of the league a year ago.

The letter to Mr. Swartz follows: "In reply to your letter of the 20th of September, I beg to say that the identical questions contained in your letter, with reference to article 10 and the right of self-determination, found in the covenant of the league of nations were placed before the President while he was on his western trip last year and fully answered by him. The President directs me to call your attention to the following questions and answers given by him to the press at that time which I think satisfactorily answers your inquiries.

"The questions and answers are as follows:

"Q. Under the covenant does the nation obligate itself to assist any member of the league in putting down a rebellion of its subjects or conquered peoples?

"A. It does not.

"Q. Under the covenant can this nation independently recognize a government whose people seek to achieve or have achieved their independence from a member of the league?

"A. The independent action of the government of the United States in a matter of this kind is in no way limited or affected by the covenant of the league of nations.

"Q. Under covenant are those subject nations or people only that are mentioned in the peace treaty, entitled to the right of self-determination or does the league possess the right to accord a similar privilege to other subject nation or people.

"A. It was not possible for the peace conference to act with regard to the self-determination of any territories except those who had belonged to the defeated empires, but in the covenant of the league of nations it has set up for the first time in article 11, a forum to which all claims of self-determination which are likely to disturb the peace of the world or the good understanding between nations upon which the peace of the world depends, can be brought.

"Q. Why was the case of Ireland not heard at the peace conference? And what is your opinion on the subject of self-determination of Ireland?

"A. The case of Ireland was not heard at the peace conference because the peace conference had no jurisdiction over any question of that sort which did not effect territories which belonged to the defeated empires. My position on the subject of self-determination for Ireland is expressed in article 11 of the covenant in which I may say I was particularly interested because it seemed to me necessary for the peace and freedom of the world that a forum should be created to which all people could bring any matter which was likely to affect the peace and freedom of the world."

—Greensboro News.

The first of the aviators who undertook to fly from Mineola to Alaska and back, is expected to arrive in New York in a few days. A telegram from the other two, sent from Alaska September 1st, stated that they were returning home. The trip, which commenced July 16, apparently has been a success.

## KENLY PARAGRAPHS

Services were conducted at the First Baptist Church Sunday by the pastor, Rev. C. E. Stevens, of Four Oaks.

Miss Saidie Morris left Tuesday to take charge of the music department in the Shady Grove School near Dunn.

Miss Adna Lee Bailey entered school at Salem College last week, but became ill owing to injuries received in an automobile accident sometime recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Turlington and Mrs. Bettie Cobb, of Clinton, Mrs. Rossie Wrenn, of Goldsboro were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Turlington during the week-end.

Mr. H. F. Edgerton and Mr. L. Z. Woodard made a business trip to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mrs. Dr. Foster and little daughter spent the week-end in Kenly, the guests of Mrs. L. C. Wilkinson.

Miss Gladys Jerome spent several days in Kenly last week the guest of Mrs. H. F. Edgerton. Miss Jerome lived here three years ago and every body was delighted to have her visit here. She was on her way to Roseboro where she taught last year and she has accepted a position in the school there this year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. W. Thompson, of Wilson, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wilkinson.

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Peele, father of our townsman, Mr. Fate Peele. He died in Wilson Monday and was buried Tuesday afternoon at his old home-place.

Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Morgan who have been living in the Dormitory for sometime have moved in the Bowman house.

Mrs. E. L. Etheridge left today for Rocky Mount to have X Ray pictures made owing to injuries received in an automobile accident sometime ago.

We have several new school teachers with us this year. We give them a hearty welcome and hope they will like our little town and enjoy being among us.

Mrs. Toney Barnes of Dunn has been spending several days with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Kirby.

Miss Faye Barnes, of Smithfield spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson, of Middlesex have moved here and are living in the Trotman house. We are glad to have them return to their old home, Kenly.

Mr. J. T. Barnes, of Dunn, has purchased the house formerly owned by Mr. J. C. Bowman the A. C. L. agent who has recently moved to Wadesboro. Before their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes were residents of this place and we gladly welcome them back home. They will move in at an early date.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones from Roseboro have come to make Kenly their home we are glad to note and Mr. Jones is filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. J. C. Bowman, former A. C. L. agent.

Everybody enjoyed the Radcliffe Chautauqua which was here three days recently and a contract was signed for its return next year.

The William Todd Vaudeville Show is here this week and is being patronized with much interest.

Don't forget to attend the Community fair at Kenly next Tuesday, Oct. 5th, at the High School building. Preparations are in progress for a good fair and it is hoped to be carried out successfully.

Kenly, N. C., Sept. 29th, 1920.

## U. S. Won't Aid Crop Holders

Washington, Sept. 26.—The government cannot be party to any undertaking for artificially maintaining "war prices" by enabling owners to withhold their commodities from the markets, Secretary Houston said tonight in a formal statement on the commercial credit system.

On the other hand, the secretary declares in favor of the orderly marketing of all commodities and estimates that the commercial loans of all banks during the last year, increased by about \$3,000,000,000 to meet the demands of industry and agriculture.

"I am in favor of every legitimate effort to promote the orderly marketing of all commodities," said Secretary Houston, "but the government cannot be a party to an undertaking to hold commodities off the market to enable the owners artificially, for speculative purposes, to maintain war prices or higher than war prices."

## IGNORANCE OF REVALUATION ACT NOT ON THE DEMOCRATS

### Every Possible Effort Being Made to Get Information Before the Public.

Raleigh, Sept. 28.—If, on election day, there are those still uninformed about the revaluation act, its purposes and its workings, it will not be the fault of the Democratic administration, for every possible effort is being made to get this information to the public. In accordance with the orders of the special session of the legislature a large number of copies of various reports are being distributed and in addition to this information the Democratic executive committee is sending out a large amount of literature on this subject.

The special session authorized the governor to have printed and distributed 50,000 copies of his revaluation message to the special session. The report of the tax commission to the governor was also ordered printed and distributed. The report of the special committee of the board of agriculture was also ordered printed and distributed to the farmers of the state. This latter report is especially significant in that it was the result of much work on the part of the committee of the board which was appointed for the special purpose of looking into the revaluation law to see if there were phases of the measure which worked harder on the farmer, and forced increases in his taxes out of proportion to the increases on other classes of property.

The committee indorsed the bill, but recommended that the listing time be changed back to May instead of January. There was considerable opposition to this change by members of the legislature instrumental in making the original change, because it was shown that the new date would get a large amount of tobacco and other products in the hands of manufacturers on the books, whereas the May listing allowed this tobacco shipped out of the state. The change, however, was made in accordance with the suggestion of the committee and of the delegation from the farmers union which appeared before the legislative committee.

In addition to the literature being sent out, and any one or all of these reports may be had by application to the Democratic executive committee, the governor, Commissioner A. J. Maxwell and other Democratic speakers are taking the stump to explain the tax reform worked out during the Bickett administration. The governor is on his way to the western part of the state. Commissioner Maxwell makes his first speech of the campaign in Pender county this week.

Register! And vote for a League of Nations which will keep your sons out of war.

## Mr. S. A. Peedin Celebrates Birthday

Words cannot express the joy experienced by Grandpa Peedin last Sunday morning, September 26, when the crowd of children, grand-children and great grand-children began to gather at the old home with birthday greetings and presents of every description. Of course it was a great surprise to grandpa and how in the world was grandma going to feed all that crowd on such short notice. Grandpa and Grandma have five children, nineteen grand-children and three great grand-children. Every one was present with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woodard and family as guests. At the noon hour the mystery was all explained—this was grandpa's 70th birthday and everyone was happy. Grandpa is hale and hearty and a thrifty farmer yet.

A long table was prepared under the stately old oaks and as the contents of the baskets was spread grandpa was not sorry. It was indeed a happy crowd that gathered around the groaning table with bowed heads and humble hearts while Grandpa thanked the ear after for the many blessings which have been received. Then we eat till we could eat no more. Even Bronco was too happy to object, when the babies pulled his ears. In the afternoon ice cream was served and last but not least a large basket of apples with the grape vine as back ground. I hope the doctors were not disturbed of their slumbers Sunday night.

The parting hour came all too soon. We bade Grandpa goodbye wishing for him many more happy birthdays. ONE PRESENT.

## MRS. BARBOUR HOSTESS TO CHARLES McNEIL BOOK CLUB

### Ladies Aid Society Held Regular Meeting—Local and Personal Items of Interest to Benson

Miss Velma Finch spent a few days with her sister in Oxford this week.

Mr. John H. Baucom, of Littleton, spent the week-end here with his sister, Mrs. J. W. Whittenton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt visited Mr. Britt's parents at Newton Grove this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Smith drove to Henderson Sunday to see their sister, Miss Leola Smith.

Mrs. Louie Stencil died at her home in Elevation Friday and was buried Saturday, the funeral being conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. M. Hall, of Benson. Mrs. Stencil was a devoted member of the Methodist church, and a noble character. Her relatives in Benson and Elevation have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss.

Mrs. H. A. Jones, of Clayton spent a few days here this week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Parlie Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson of Oxford, spent the week-end with their parents here.

Mr. J. W. Whittenton spent Sunday in Montrose.

Mrs. C. C. Canaday, Mrs. R. C. Canaday, Mrs. M. A. Peacock and Mrs. H. H. Utley attended the funeral last week of Mr. P. H. Hawley at Falcon. Mr. Hawley was well known here having made Benson his home for several years.

Mrs. John Hobbs and Miss Mary Lee went up to Raleigh Sunday to see Miss Ruby Hobbs who is in school. Miss Julia McNeil leaves this week for Roanoke, Va., where she has accepted a position. Miss McNeil has been connected with the Benson Review for the past several years and has a host of friends who regret to see her leave.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Lanier are spending a few days at his home in Chalybeate Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dixon, of Smithfield were in town Sunday.

Mr. Ezra Parker and D. L. Massengill went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mrs. Loomis Debnam, of Selma, visited her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Oliver this week.

Mrs. J. R. Barbour was hostess to the John Charles McNeil Book Club last Thursday afternoon at her home on West Main Street. After the transaction of all business, the president, as chairman of the program committee announced that the club would continue the study of Southern literature, this year taking up Southern Short Story Writers. Mrs. Lassiter read an interesting paper on "The Development of the Short Story" and this was followed by one of Poe's short stories read by Mrs. M. T. Britt. Rev. Mr. Wheeler was then asked by Mrs. Barbour to give the club a poem or two, which he does so well. He gracefully complied, delighting everyone with one of Frank L. Stunton's poems and then "Bedtime" by John Charles McNeil. At this meeting new books for the year were put in the club. Prof. Wells, Benson's new Superintendent of Schools, was present and talked to the club members for several minutes asking their co-operation in bringing about needed improvements in connection with the school, and commending the club for the loyalty and support the school has had from it in the past.

The club voted to send flowers to two of its members who were in hospitals, a committee was appointed to meet with the executive committee of the local Post of the American Legion, at which committees from other organizations would be present for the purpose of perfecting plans by which Benson can be made and kept in a more beautiful and cleanly condition.

After adjournment of the club, refreshments consisting of Neapolitan cream and cake were served, followed by scuppernongs, passed in pretty baskets. Besides the club members, others who enjoyed this delightful occasion were, Prof. and Mrs. Wells, and the other members of the school faculty, Rev. and Mrs. Wheeler, and Mrs. W. T. Martin.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church held its regular meeting Friday evening from eight till ten o'clock at the home of the President, Mrs. W. R. Denning. On entering the spacious reception hall the guests were served with punch by

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## PRINCETON—BOON HILL

Princeton, N. C. Sept. 29.—Miss Annie Keen, of Goldsboro is visiting Miss Stella Mason.

Miss Salie Wright, of Smithfield, was a visitor in town Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Clyde Shipp from Clinton was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. Jadin Langley from Rocky Mount came down to spend Sunday with his sister, Mrs. D. T. Sasser.

Miss Bertha Woodard, of Selma, has been spending a few days with her brother, Mr. J. R. Woodard.

Miss Pearl Toler and Gladys Gurvey have been visiting friends in Smithfield.

Mrs. John W. Massey, of Clayton was the guest of Mr. Ledbetter last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Raines from Apex are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Field near town.

Mr. Clarence Whitley has been spending a few days with friends at Hillsboro.

Young, Doctor Bill Massey has gone to Washington City to enter a medical college.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Woodard from Roxboro are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. W. Wright.

Miss Sarah Blackman, a pretty young girl from the Neuse section has been visiting Miss Mildred Massey.

Mr. Barna Woodard, of Selma, while here visiting his son, Mr. John R. Woodard, was taken sick and carried back to his home Monday by Mr. Thad Woodard.

Mr. Howard Oliver went over to Buies Creek Sunday to see his son, Robert and other Princeton boys.

The Princeton Post Office has been designated an International Money Order office, by the Department at Washington, D. C.

Unknown parties set fire to Mr. Albert Worley's gin last Friday night. A large quantity of bagging and ties had been received that day and also several barrels of oil. The entire outfit was destroyed and was a total loss, as there was no insurance carried.

Miss Leona Holt will leave here Saturday to join the old veterans special train at Raleigh for Houston, Texas. She will go from Houston to visit Drexel M. Holt at Dallas, Tex. and then to Oklahoma City to visit Geo. M. Holt. She will return over the same route, covering a distance of six thousand miles and her stay will extend over a month.

## Work at the Hospital

Mr. John Kemple was brought to the Smithfield Memorial Hospital Monday evening, in an extremely critical condition. An immediate operation for appendicitis was deemed imperative. Dr. Tyner performed the operation assisted by Dr. Noble and Dr. Rose. The appendix was found already ruptured, and pus-infection was imminent. The patient stood the ordeal well, and is now reported to be making altogether satisfactory progress.

Two nurses are now at the hospital temporarily, and Dr. Tyner is making every effort to secure a full equipment of permanent help. He has already engaged a most competent superintendent. She is Miss Schmick, now supervisor in the famous Bellevue Hospital of New York. She could not leave her present position without giving 30 days notice, but Dr. Tyner expects her to take up her duties with the Smithfield Memorial by November 1st.

## Meeting At Pleasant Grove Church

Rev. H. W. Baucom assisted by Rev. R. L. Gay will begin a revival meeting at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Pleasant Grove township on Monday night October 4th, 1920.

They cannot begin this meeting on Sunday night as was first announced as they have other arrangements, but have planned for Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Everybody invited; come and bring others with you.

## Chautauquas

They say of chautauquas, that there are twenty-five thousand of the things in the United States, working five hours a day for seven days to the week for every week in the year. A little figuring will show that there results from all of them thirty-six million four-hundred-thousand solid hours of fiddling and talking each year.

## THE YOUNGSTER THOUGHT HE COULD REVIVE BUSINESS

### The Proprietor Said It Was Hopelessly Gone.—Did Not Mind An Experimental Project.

I know a man, who, when he was younger than he is now, one day just sort of stumbled into an old rundown business that simply could not deliver the goods. The proprietor of that business said it was hopelessly gone. But the youngster said that he thought that he could revive it. The proprietor did not mind a little experimental projecting; so he told the fellow that the coast was clear and for him to go after the business, and after it he went. To-day that concern is one of as good businesses of its kind as can be found anywhere in the State. Every invested dollar is a profit bearing dollar. But it took work, work of the brow sweating kind, to put new life back into that old dead business. Fourteen, fifteen, sixteen hours of work a day, each day that is how the feat was performed.

Quite recently I heard this man make a few remarks about the great labor unrest that is now prevailing this country, which struck me as being worth listening to, worth heeding, and worth passing along to others. In a very casual way he remarked, "In my mind the great cause of the unrest that has so perverted the minds of the laboring classes is the fact, that they have too much time in which to invent mischief and revel in it. A busy man seldom graces the court as defendant; a real busy man seldom ever calls a doctor to cure him of ills; a busy man never materially supports the non-essential industries. I am 'tooth and toe-nail' against the theory of eight hours' work constituting a day's work. It is a false standard."

That is what a working man thinks ails creation to-day. I strongly suspect that he is right. When the time comes that men are willing to buckle down to old-fashioned from sun-to-sun labor, much of the high priced labor will be dispensed with, and we shall all be a little happier. H. V. R.

## Would Have Supported Mr. Bryan

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 27.—Governor Cox, democratic presidential candidate, tonight gave out a statement that he would have supported William Jennings Bryan for the presidency had the former Secretary of State been nominated, and added that he was fostering progressive ideas gained under Mr. Bryan's leadership.

The statement of Governor Cox was in response to an inquiry from a local newspaperman regarding the position in the campaign of Mr. Bryan, who has withheld support from Governor Cox.

"I have known Mr. Bryan politically and personally for many years," said the governor's statement. "He has been an influence for good. I supported him three times for the presidency with my newspapers, my voice and my vote, and would have done so again this year had he been the candidate of the Democratic party instead of myself. As a matter of fact, as a young man, I gained from Mr. Bryan's leadership many of the progressive ideas which I since have endeavored to propagate."

## First Woman Registers in Johnston

Miss Martha T. Smith has the proud distinction of being the first woman who registered in Johnston county. Her grand-nephew, Registrar George Ross Pou, resigned early this morning, and Mr. Charles Creech was appointed in his place. But before resigning, Mr. Pou took the book around to Miss Smith's home and had her to swear that she would support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the state, not inconsistent therewith, that she had been a resident of the state two years of the county six months and of Smithfield township four months. When Mr. Pou asked if she was over 21 years old, Miss Smith proudly answered that she was over 91 years old. When he inquired what party she belonged, her prompt reply was "The Democratic party." Miss Smith and her great-nephew made an appointment for him to come in his car at sun-rise on the second day of November and take her to the polls. She is anxious especially of course to vote to return her nephew, Hon. Edward W. Pou to Congress and declares that she will put in a straight Democratic ticket.