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MANN'S ABILITY AS A LEADER.

Unseating of Weaver in Favor of Britt Due to His Parliamentary Maneuvering.

Washington Star (Republican.)

Members of the House were discussing with interest today the parliamentary generalship of Minority Leader Mann in the House late Saturday night when, by the narrowest kind of a squeak, Weaver of North Carolina, a democrat, in a democratic House, was unseated and his republican contestant, Britt, was awarded the seat.

The result was obtained by a combination of absenteeism on the part of some democrats and the parliamentary maneuvering of the minority leader, who, by a series of motions and appeals, held the final vote until the republicans found themselves in a majority. In the course of a parliamentary jockeying Mr. Mann appealed from a decision of the chair and was sustained in his appeal on a strict party vote.

Democrats were mad as hatters this morning in commenting upon the occurrence, but ruefully accorded their admiration to Mr. Mann for the way in which he had led the fight, inch by inch, out of a desperate situation to victory. They declared that never before had the minority leader made a more brilliant campaign nor demonstrated better his ability for floor leadership.

Y. W. C. A. ORGANIZED.

On last Friday afternoon at three-thirty, an organization meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association was held at the Girl's Club rooms.

Officers.

President.....Mrs. J. H. Way
1st Vice President, Miss Grace Bowles
2nd Vice President, Mrs. E. J. Robeson
Secretary.....Mrs. E. B. Camp
Treasurer.....Mrs. W. T. Crawford.

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Mrs. W. C. Allen, Mrs. Jere Davis, Mrs. E. H. Dykers, Mrs. Ben Edwards, Mrs. E. R. Elmore, Mrs. G. D. Green, Mrs. M. J. Hagades, Mrs. E. B. McClus, Mrs. Harry Rotha, Miss Michael, Miss Una Plott, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. John Smathers, Mrs. P. L. Turbyfill, Miss Kate Mussell.

ROOM COMMITTEE.

Mrs. R. L. Allen, Chairman; Miss Jessie Rogers, Miss Fredericks Quinlan, Mrs. D. M. Killian, Miss Robena Miller, Miss Nanette Jones.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Hugh A. Love, Chairman; Mrs. R. T. Prevost, Mrs. G. C. Platt, Mrs. Ira Thackston, Miss Rebecca Boyd, Mrs. Alden Howell, Jr.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Frances Robeson, Chairman.

EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE.

Mrs. K. G. Pagues, Chairman; Miss Nancy Killian, Mrs. Byron Reeves, Mrs. A. V. Joyner, Miss Jean West, Miss Alice Quinlan.

REGREATION COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Fausetta Swift, Chairman; Mrs. Hillard Atkins, Mrs. Lowry Lee, Mrs. Rufus Siler, Miss Margaret Stringfield, Miss Nora Francis, Mrs. J. H. Way, Jr.

GIRL'S WORK COMMITTEE.

Lena Alstott, Chairman; Miss Lillian Allen, Miss Linnie Albright, Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. J. R. McCracken.

EIGHT BROTHERS KILLED.

Of twelve brothers who entered the service, eight have been killed in action, one has lost an arm and a leg, another had both arms amputated, still another lost an arm, and the last has been reported wounded, degree undetermined. This is the war record of the family of Miss Margaret Gilson, of Hartford, Conn., whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gilson, make their home in San Antonio, Texas.—Exchange.

HUNG HIMSELF IN PIGEON TOWNSHIP.

The distressing news came to us of the self-destruction of a young married man in Hanson Cove, Pigeon township. Ed Kesse was found dead last Friday afternoon, hanging on the limb of an apple tree near his home, the only explanation of his deed that came to hand is that he had been destroyed himself on account of ill health.

REPUBLICAN BOSS RULE.

Penrose and Lodge, With Other Reactionaries, Will Control Legislation, Paying No Heed to Progressives.

Washington, D. C.—Under the direction of Senator Boise Penrose, Republican boss of Pennsylvania, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, and Reed Smoot of Utah, the Sixty-sixth Congress, will legislate for the United States for the next two years. The Old Guard, with its most reactionary leaders, will be in the saddle in this new Congress.

It was apparent immediately after the November election that these elements took full credit for the overthrow of the Democrats and would pay little heed to the wailings of the "Progressive" Republicans of Congress. It is now openly charged by Republicans of the House of Representatives that Senators Penrose and Lodge are going to dominate not only the Senate, but also the House of the next Congress.

The Democrats quit with a clean record. The lack of a controlling ring has been one of the causes of Republican criticism of the Democrats. That, of course, is a compliment to the Democrats. The sound and salutary legislation they have enacted has been influenced by the people back home and not by a little group in Congress. In a word, Congress, under Democratic control, has been responsive to the people.

The legislative record made by the Democrats since they came into power is a credit to the party and to the nation. When they took charge of the House ten years ago they found a system that worked to the interest of the few of great wealth. The Republicans in a long and complete domination of Congress had drifted far from the masses and ruled with aristocratic sway.

Democrats Instituted Reforms. The Democrats commenced reforms immediately and drove from high places the "Republican Ring" that had legislated for the powerful against the weak. The little aster of leadership in the House, with its perfect system, and a military order and precision, had to yield to the rule of the majority. The back-room caucus of the "leaders" was supplanted by the Democratic conference.

The first step of the Democratic majority was to liberalize the rules of the House to insure more responsiveness to the people. They reduced the running expenses of the House by eliminating a lot of useless office-holders. The example of the House was soon followed by the Senate. It is evident now that the Republicans will return to their old way of doing things. The ring will dominate. A few men will dictate the kind and course of legislation. Senators Penrose and Lodge will say what bills shall pass and what shall die. They will respond to the wishes of a handful of constituents. Everything promises that sort of results. The lobby of the special interests will return to Washington with all its active agents.

Under Democratic control at Washington there is no back door to the White House or to Congress. No small group of men has been able to appear suddenly and change the policy of the President or the leaders of Congress. Everything has been done in the open. The President's advisers have been plain, simple men and women with intelligence and ability. No select class has benefited by legislation. Measures on the subject of revenue, the trusts and other important problems have been enacted for all alike.

These Democratic measures have been so fair that Republicans have supported them. Many Republicans voted their honest convictions until the Old Guard started out last year to win control of Congress. A conference of leaders was called and adopted a program of obstruction. Since then all the cleverness of the reactionaries has been used to block Democratic legislation. Senators Penrose and Lodge directed these forces of reaction.

Drive Lobbyists From Capitol. The Democrats rid the Capitol of its lobbyist lobby. An investigation of combinations was followed by the enactment of a lobby with a purpose against the enactment of legislation on the part of the Democrats. The lobby is now a powerful organization, but it is being destroyed by the Democrats. Lobbyists are being strongly attacked at the

"A PRAYER FOR A BLESSING."

(Suggested by Modern Church Methods.)

"O Lord, I come to Thee in prayer, once more,
But pardon if I do not kneel before
Thy gracious presence, for my knees are sore,
With so much walking. In my chair instead
I'll sit at ease and humbly bow my head.
I've labored in Thy vineyard, Thou dost know;
I've sold ten tickets for the minstrel show;
I've called on fifteen strangers in our town,
Their contributions to our church put down,
I've baked a pot of beans for Saturday's spree;
An old-time supper it is going to be.
I've dressed three dolls, too, for our annual fair,
And made a cake which we must raffle there.
Now, with Thy boundless wisdom, so sublime,
Thou knowest that these duties all take time;
I have no time to fight my spirit's foes,
I have no time to mend my husband's clothes.
My children roam the streets from morn till night;
I have no time to teach them what is right.
But Thou, O Lord, considering all my care,
Will count them righteous and will feed my prayer.
Bless the bean supper and the minstrel show,
And put it in the hearts of all to go.
Induce the visitors to patronize
The men who in our program advertise.
Because I've chased these merchants till they hid
When'er they saw me coming—yes, they did!
Increase the contributions to our fair,
And bless the people who assemble there,
Bless Thou the grab-bag, and the gypsy ten,
The flower table and the cake that's sent.
May our whist club be to Thy service blest,
Our dancing party gaye than the rest.
And when Thou hast bestowed these blessings, then
We pray that Thou wilt bless our souls. Amen."

—Living Church.

Haywood County Methodists.

THE CENTENARY \$35,000,000.

It can be done if every Methodist works to take the "T" out of Can't and puts it in "TITHES".

It is not a big job, either. "The Southern Methodist Church is the richest corporation in the South." Our wealth is estimated at \$5,865,000,000.

There are 2,000,000 Southern Methodists whose combined annual income is estimated at \$1,073,000,000. The tenth of this would amount to \$107,300,000.

After all, the vast sum of \$35,000,000 in five years proves to be only a PENNY a day for each member.

(Contributed by Rev. Lawrence P. Bogle, for the Centenary.)

Capitol. This the Democrats broke up. There are already signs of plans to return to the old practices. Representatives of predatory interests are beginning to situate themselves in Washington; their friends will be in position to help them.

The great Federal Reserve Act, which revolutionized the currency system of the nation, is a most democratic law. Its enactment emancipated the industrial and commercial interests of the United States. It freed the smaller business man from the overlordship of the special interests. No one has been able to sustain a criticism of this act. Big banking concerns protested and frowned upon it at first, but they have come to see its justice and equity. No Republican would offer to repeal it.

The Democrats revised the tariff downward. In the eye of the ruling Republicans that was their worst sin. The Underwood-Simmons law unshackled industry and commerce and destroyed monopoly's control over production.

The rural credits act, the income tax law, the Federal Trade Commission, the Clayton anti-trust act, the provisions for direct election of United States Senators, the workman's compensation act and many other important laws were enacted under the leadership of the Democrats. The Democrats do not apprehend the repeal of their constructive legislation, but they foresee efforts on the part of Senators Penrose and his associates to restore the high import duties.

THE WHITE SULPHUR TO OPEN

The Haywood White Sulphur Springs hotel, which has been used as an army hospital during the past year will soon be ready to turn back now to its owners, B. J. Sloan and son. It will be thoroughly repaired and repainted for use again as a summer hotel.

Mrs. J. L. Morgan, who was proprietor of this popular resort for years, will again have charge this summer and the remainder of the year. It will be in much better condition for guests than for many years. Mrs. Morgan is now conducting a summer hotel in Ocala, Fla.

PERHAPS YOUNGEST CAPTAIN IN U. S. ARMY.

Grandson of Our Townsman, John S. Hyatt, Seven Times "Over The Top."

(The following is a clipping from a Midland (Tex.) paper and refers to a relative of Capt. R. A. L. Hyatt who visited the Texas family about 1881.)

Our townsman, John S. Hyatt and R. V. Hyatt, are proud of the record of their grandson and nephew, respectively, J. D. Hyatt, and with good cause. The young man is known in Midland, and the following taken from last week's issue of the Stephenville Empire, will be read with much interest.

From the Globe, (Arizo.) Record of December 22nd, we clip the following concerning John S. Hyatt's grandson, who at the age of 21 is a captain in the United States army. He was a student in the Military Institute at Boswell, N. M., when this country entered the war and was quick to volunteer and was made second lieutenant. Later he was promoted to first lieutenant and has since been promoted to a captaincy, and is perhaps the youngest of Uncle Sam's captains. He is a nephew of Mrs. John Wilson and Cress Gaston of this city, and is also a nephew of Mrs. Ulpian Holt, of Waco, and W. A. Hyatt, of Ranger. He is a native of Stephenville, being the first born of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hyatt. All that follows is from the Globe paper:

"Seven times 'over the top' and still alive to tell the tale is the proud record of Capt. J. O. Hyatt, brother of Mrs. Clyde Nagle, of this city. Capt. Hyatt was sent to France with a Company, Sixth machine gun battalion, U. S. marine corps, shortly after the declaration of war, and has been in every big offensive since that time. The following letter to his mother, Mrs. Ed T. Hyatt, of this city, was written from the base hospital at Baume, where Capt. Hyatt has been confined since the Champagne offensive. The seven episodes in Capt. Hyatt's European trip will send a thrill through the heart of every true American and shows the 'do-or-die' spirit that makes the Yankee the greatest fighter in the world. When an American soldier goes into seven big offensives and comes back for more his fighting spirit cannot be broken.

Baume, France, Nov. 26, 1918.

"Dear Mother:—It has been some time since I have written you, but I have been having such a good time I have been too busy to write. I am still in the hospital; I have been here for some time and it looks as if I will be here for some time yet. I am not sick; there is nothing in the world wrong with me, but they will not let me go. The officers are going to try to send me to the States as a patient, but they will have to catch me to do it. I am not going to the States yet for a while.

"My outfit is over in Germany now and I intend to be with them. You say you have a map of France. Well, this hospital is a Baume, just south of Dijon. I have been going to dances and parties nearly every night and having a wonderful time with the nurses. Some of these nurses are wonderful girls; but the best girl of all is the one at Brest.

"I will tell you some of the events of my life during this war. I have been in every big offensive except one, and I was in the hospital when that one came off. My baptism of fire was received when I was with the French in the trenches at Verdun. Then I joined the marines for the big fight at Chateau Thierry and Belleau woods. We were there under continuous shell fire for 32 days during that fight early in June. In July we entered the big offensive at Soissons. In August I was in the trenches opposite Metz. In September I went over the top in the San Michel offensive. From there I went to the hospital with nervous exhaustion, and a piece of steel in my eye. While in the hospital my outfit went over the top in the Champagne offensive. I left the hospital in time to go over the top in the last big fight when we drove for Stenay, Sedan and other places. From Sedan I went back to the hospital again and there I am today. All together I went over the top seven times in the offensives, which is more than most can boast of and still be alive.

"I hope to be able to go to Paris and Tours in the near future and try to find my last luggage. I have been over France more times than I have states in the U. S. I have been all over France and in Paris seven times. Give my regards to all." OTIS.

LINDA STRINGFIELD SLOAN.

Memorial Adopted by the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter, D. A. R. February 25th, 1919.

In the death of Mrs. Linda Stringfield Sloan; this chapter has lost a faithful member, and the community at large mourns the loss of one of its noblest and sweetest characters. Though comparatively young in years she was old in suffering, but the melancholy realization of failing health could not diminish her faith and trust. Conscious that her days were numbered, she still looked forward to the end with that perfect calm that only true Christians can feel and know. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

The members of the chapter desire to tender their sincere sympathy to the bereaved family, and to express their sorrow at the loss of so valuable a member. As a tribute of affection and respect this memorial will be entered in the minutes of the Chapter, and a copy sent to the stricken family.

BESS STAPLES BUSHNELL,
TEMPE HILL CARAWAY,
Committee.

BONUS FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

Information has been received at the office of Adj. General B. S. Royster to the effect that under new military regulations soldiers being discharged from the United States army receive a bonus of \$60 in addition to their regular pay. Plans have also been perfected, it is announced, so that all soldiers who entered the service since the declaration of war, April 6, 1917, and who were discharged before the bonus plan was put into effect, may receive this bonus by sending certain documents and data to "Zone Finance Officer, Lemon building, Washington, D. C."

In order to obtain the \$60 bonus, such soldiers must send to the address given in the preceding paragraph their discharge certificate or military order of discharge, or both if issued, and specify information as to military service performed. Following receipt of such letter, checks will be mailed to soldiers and the discharge papers also will be returned.

HOUSE PASSES STATE-WIDE ROAD BILL.

After much discussion the House of Representatives of North Carolina adopted the conference committee's report on the Pharr-Mathews road bill and the last draft on the subject is almost law. There is only one more change contemplated, giving the counties a little more optional power, and this will probably be passed in a supplemental act.

The Senate was the first to yield to the contention of bonds or no bonds. The committee then split the difference between county system and State system, providing for the county to use the Federal aid under the direction of the State Highway Commission. The county and State commission to agree on the location of trunk roads.

The bill as adopted provides that the county shall pay one-fourth the cost. The county that puts up its fourth first gets preference in construction work, but whether the county comes in or not on a trunk highway, the scheme is not prejudiced except as to priority of building.

The county unit system was killed by a telegram from the Bureau of Public Roads stating that the Federal department would deal only with the State Highway Commission. This has long been a ruling of the department, but it seems that it was not understood by some of the members in drafting their bills.

Every county will have the same right, and the State Highway Commission will serve as arbitrator in the scheme of trunk line building. In this way the poorer counties of the state will be able to have good roads as well as the more thickly populated and richer ones.

Let's get busy in Western North Carolina and see that the mountain counties get all that is coming to them.

An Irishman "Oh, Mrs. we Jewell I have seen her yet. It was born in England and lived in Poland and died in Poland, what was her name?"
"Catherine" (a corpse).
"Catherine, disemphatically, 'Catherine, she must have told you.'"
—Solomon.