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GREAT CONFERENCE STARTED.

Senator Owen Will Aid In Organizing a State Conference for Social Service.

A far-reaching State Conference is being organized. It aims to improve conditions that affect human life in all its phases. All the various workers for reform and betterment expect to get together as an organized force, and by a united effort secure some of the most needed reforms. Much more should be done in this way than by fighting single handed.

The conference will hold its first meeting in Raleigh, February 11, 12. The scope of the conference is indicated by the following list of speakers and heads of committees: Governor Craig will deliver the opening address, followed by Dr. William Louis Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, on the "Correlation of Social Forces." Following this will be an address by Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma. Senator Owen is the author of the famous bill for a National Department of Public Health. He is a fine speaker and a man of big ideas. His speech should ring clear on the big lines of social work, and form the keynote of the conference.

Several months ago the following representative citizens were named as chairmen of the various committees on different lines of social service:

Bishop Robert Strange, Church and Social Service; Hon. J. Y. Joyner, Illiteracy; Mr. James P. Cook, Reformatories; Rev. M. L. Kessler, Orphanages; Hon. T. W. Bickett, Criminal Procedure; Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Feeble mindedness; Mr. Clarence Poe, Improvement of Country Life; Mr. W. H. Swift, Child Labor; Miss Daisy Denson, Prisons; Mr. Archibald Johnson, Liquor Problem; Mr. Gilbert Stephenson, Race Question; Dr. W. S. Rankin, Public Health; Hon. R. F. Beasley, Taxation; Mrs. R. R. Cotten, Women and Social Service.

The Central Committee on Organization, composed of Hon. J. Y. Joyner, Hon. T. W. Bickett, Miss Daisy Denson, Dr. W. S. Rankin and Mr. Clarence Poe, have received hundreds of inquiries and applications for membership. It promises to be one of the biggest movements ever started in the state, and every public spirited citizen should have his name enrolled with the movement. A letter or postal directed to Dr. W. S. Rankin, Raleigh, N. C., secretary of the Central Committee, will bring full information about the aims of the organization and the program mapped out.

The liquor people are making a last, but determined stand to defeat the Webb liquor bill; The Kenyon bill, which is identically the same as originally introduced by Mr. Webb, of North Carolina, will be voted on in the senate February 10. Webb is fighting hard to have his bill reported from the judiciary committee and expects to win. It is believed the opponents of the measure hope to delay a vote in the house this session by allowing the senate to take action first and then add so many radical amendments in the house that it will be impossible to get a vote before March 4. Mr. Webb said tonight he is confident that he will win.

Who knows how much good will be done by our Congressmen will be told by Mr. Webb had done for the state. The bill, if passed, will benefit all the groups of

THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY.

The Progressive Party polled 4,108,504 votes, which was about 800,000 votes in excess of the Taft vote.

Some people, for selfish reasons, are endeavoring to create the impression that the progressive party is not to be permanent.

The truth is the Progressives have just begun to fight. By private subscription they have established a home bureau and a foreign bureau the sole object of which is to study, and prepare for enactment into law of progressive measures. They are perfecting a thorough political organization throughout the nation.

The following quotation from a letter made public by Col. Roosevelt the other day gives us an idea as to whether the Progressive Party has come to stay:

"The farmer should be with us. We favor protecting him by the tariff, just as we favor protecting the manufacturer and wage-worker. We are resolute to foster the development of agriculture credit and cooperation, and, in all ways, direct and indirect, to promote the welfare of those who live in the open country, and to bring within their reach the benefits of better farming, better business and better living.

"It would be idle to attempt again to set forth all the policies contained in the Progressive platform. Suffice it to say that in my deliberate judgment, that platform was the greatest utterance of true democracy in the interests of the welfare of mankind that we have seen since the death of Abraham Lincoln. To talk of our amalgamating with either of the old parties is as idle as it would have been to talk of the Republicans in the days of Abraham Lincoln, the progressives of their days, amalgamating with either the Cotton Whigs or Bourbon Democrats of that day.

"There shall be no retreat from the position we have taken. High of heart and strong of hand, we front the future; and the future is surely ours.

"Sincerely yours,
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."
There is every reason why Madison County should organize a Progressive Party. Wouldn't this prove an interesting debate? "Resolved that the care of County Institutions should be let to the Highest bidder."
Jan. 27th 1913.

GEO. M. PRITCHARD.
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Inaugurate in December.

The best suggestion that we have yet heard touching the whole series of proposals to lengthen the presidential term, prohibit re-election, change the inauguration date etc., comes from Senator Root. Each of these involves constitutional amendment, and either all or as many as may be wanted should travel in one boat. But the essential thing, as Mr. Root sees it, is to change the congressional term. He can see no rhyme or reason in letting a party which has been voted out of power go on legislating for three months. Both Congresses and Presidents, elected in November, should take office within 20 days.

By the side of Mr. Root's proposal the talk about chances of fair weather in April as against March seems petty indeed. We have not been accustomed to amend our Constitution in pursuit of such things. All the other talk is either trivial or debatable as compared with the clear requirement which he notes. We should remove an outgrown and unnecessarily irritating obstruction upon the public will, whatever else we may not do. There is surely no conceivable reason why an outgoing party should be permitted to create obstacles or difficulties for its successor, or why a Government divided between two or more parties, as at present, should be vexed with such mere fighting against time as we witness now. In this Congress, for example, the Republican majority all possible appointments made and confirmed, and

smallest number that circumstances can permit. The public service suffers, of course. If the new President and the new Congress took office when the last session of the old Congress during the last months of the old President now begins, the men who had received a commission to govern would have the opportunity almost at once. There would be no such squabbling and jockeying as the present situation compels. There might or might not still be a divided condition of governmental control, there might or might not be any hurry on the incomer's side; but at any rate the Government would get upon a governing basis and all concerned would guide themselves by larger considerations than desire to "work" the partisan possibilities of three remaining months or to prevent this same.

It need not be supposed that the framers of our Constitution inaugurated such a condition knowingly or by design. They provided for a time when months were required by the physical difficulties attending the spread of information, assemblage at the Capital, and proper consultation upon the steps to pursue. They could not contemplate a period of newspapers served by telegraph, and of fast trains. Neither did they contemplate such direct, popular, party government as, in effect, we have now. We are simply losing a great part of the benefits to government which modern facilities and the methods made possible by them should confer. So Mr. Root recognized. He is not radical in his political thinking; he has been regarded as very decidedly the reverse. But he has a clear and rational mind which understands that the existing arrangement manifestly outworn.—Charlotte Observer.

DESTROYED DISTILLERIES.

Twenty-five Blockade Plants seized in Asheville District.

(Special to The Observer.)

Asheville, Jan. 22.—Internal Revenue Agent R. B. Sams yesterday received reports of the destruction of 25 illicit distilleries in his district. Seven of the plants were destroyed on a raid near Greenville, S. C., these being the first seized in South Carolina since that state was included in Mr. Sams' district. Fifteen of the plants were broken up in a raid in Patrick and Franklin Counties, Virginia while three were seized in Madison County, this State.

Several arrests were made and thousands of gallons of whiskey and beer were destroyed.

This good work was done by one well known to all in Madison County. However we wish there had been more found in Madison County.

ASHEVILLE'S AMBITION.

The Committee who went received no definite answer from Dr. Wilson. He expects to go to Panama this coming summer. Later he may come to Asheville.

Asheville will be the summer capital of America during the administration of President Woodrow Wilson if the hope of a strong and enthusiastic delegation from the Mountain City which passed through here last night for Trenton and Princeton is realized. This delegation composed of leading Asheville citizens, representatives from the state in Congress and Hon. Josephus Daniels will first see Mrs. Wilson and daughters at Princeton today and afterwards will motor to Trenton to tell the future President something about the charms of Asheville and Western North Carolina. Mr. Daniels joined the party here last night and will present the members of the delegation to Mrs. Wilson and to Governor Wilson. The Asheville people aboard the special pullman on train No. 38 were Mayor J. E. Rankin, F. M. Weaver, F. H. Bewitt, Charles A. Webb, W. F. Randolph, J. H. Wood and S. E. Cohen. At Washington the party will be joined by Sumner

ger. The delegation, it was stated, is prepared to offer the President elect a clear deed to one of the attractive manors in Albemarle park or a bungalow in Grove Park, built by F. L. Seeley along the lines of the new Grove Park Inn; and facing the Asheville golf links. In visiting Mrs. Wilson and daughters first the committee will point out the potential attractions of the mountains of Western North Carolina for a summer home. The arrangement to see the ladies of the Wilson household prior to the visit to the master of the house is believed to be most propitious for the success of the undertaking.

The formal invitation to the incoming Presidential family will be presented in unique form, it being a book compiled by the Roycrofters, of East Aurora, in an artistic limpedged binding of green oze leather, lined with silk. The letters and photographs of the compilation are arranged in the center of gilt edged pages of cream tinted heavy paper measuring 18 by 24 inches. The cover design is done in gold with the simple lettering: "An invitation from Asheville."

The handsome volume is beautifully box covered in green plush; each detail of the creation was done in the distinctive vogue of the famed Roycrofters, whose instructions were to get out the most artistic and attractive invitation possible. The contents of the book comprise invitations from Mayor Rankin for the people of Asheville; President Weaver, of the board of trade; The Greater Western North Carolina association by President W. E. Brees, jr., Albemarle Park Co., by Thomas W. Raoul; Grove Park Inn, by F. L. Seeley. Mr. Daniels also bears a cordial letter of invitation from Gov. Lock Craig, who is a resident of Asheville and letters of invitations will be presented from each of the North Carolina representatives in Congress. The book also contains magnificent photographic views of Asheville, Albemarle park, Manor and cottages, Grove park, in its forest beauty, The Country club and Golf link, Biltmore House, Mountain views of Mt. Mitchell, Mt. Pisgah, the Craggies, Mountain Meadows, scenes along the French broad, Crystal falls and two views of the cottage in Western North Carolina occupied by President-elect and Mrs. Wilson during their honeymoon.—Greensboro News

A Girl's Wild Midnight Ride.

To warn people of a fearful forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horse-back at midnight and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung trouble, coughs and colds, which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia. "It cured me of a dreadful cough and lung disease," writes W. R. Patterson of Wellington, Tex., "after four in our family had died with consumption, and I gained 87 pounds." Nothing so sure and safe for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and one dollar. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Triplett & Rector.

One hundred and 23 million dollars represents the value of the commerce between the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts of the United States, via the Isthmuses of Panama and Tehantepec during the last year. The rapid growth in this trade which developed within recent years, according to a statement issued by the Bureau of Statistics today, seems likely to increase further with the opening of the Panama Canal.

It is a great big lot of freight and goods that have been hauled over the Isthmus and it will be much more when the canal is opened next year.

A Hero in A Lighthouse.

For years J. S. Donabue, So. Haven, Mich., a civil war captain, as a lighthouse keeper, averted awful wrecks, but a queer fact is, he might have been a wreck, himself, if Electric Bitters had not protected. "They cured me of kidney trouble and chills," he writes, "after I had taken other so-called cures for years, without benefit and they also improved my sight. Now, at seventy, I am feeling fine." For dyspepsia, indigestion, all stomach, liver and kidney troubles, there's nothing equal. Try them. Only 50c, at Triplett & Rector.

Months have been before the

Tomato Clubs.

The State Government has again named Miss Ollie Hendricks of Big Laurel as director of tomato clubs for the girls of Madison County. All that she receives is placed in the coming machinery needed and there are several of these which will be placed in different parts of the county. It would be well for those desiring to organize these clubs to write to her and get all of the particulars. There weren't very many of these last year but those who did try made quite a success of it. We trust that many more will try it this year and that at the end of the summer we may have a contest.

Marriage License.

Judge Franklin age 22, to Hattie Woody age 18, both of Trust.

R. R. Phillips age 27, of Mars Hill to Zettie Chandler age 19, of Buckner.

Nelson Owsby age 21, to Mollie Case age 21, both of Marshall.

Williard Anderson age 18, to Myrtle Metcalf age 17, both of Paint Fork.

Henry Sheppard age 21, to Katie Cole age 19, both of Alexander.

Jasper Hensley age 50 to Mary Edwards age 23, both of Faust.

Jonah Reese age 19, to Ethel Ball age 16, both of Marshall.

The following letter was received and shows the estimate put upon Mr. Henderson by a friend.

January 27, 1913.

Mr. J. H. White
Marshall, North Carolina.

Dear White:
I just received a letter from Mrs. Hendricks, inclosing a telegram from you which states that Wade died in Florida the 25th.

This news is almost as great a shock to me as if it had been the death of one of my family. Wade had become to be something more than friend with us, and we were so closely attached to him as if he had been a blood relation. His death is a shock to us all.

I am very much obliged to you for notifying Mrs. Hendricks.

Taking everything into consideration I think Wade was about the best piece of humanity I ever saw.—With best wishes, I am, Sincerely yours,
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