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## Methodists Come And Go

THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE LARGELY ATTENDED.

Prominent Speakers Address the People and Waynesville Makes Good as Host.

As previously announced, this body met in the Methodist church last Wednesday evening and continued its sessions through Friday evening. Much is being said in recent months about the "Laymen's Movement," and the meeting here last week was one of a series of such meetings to be held in the territory embraced by the Western North Carolina Conference in an effort to enlist the laymen in church work.

There were nearly a hundred visitors in attendance upon this meeting and these, together with the local friends of the movement, gave a good house at every service.

At the opening exercise Wednesday evening Dr. D. Atkins, P. E. of the Asheville District, presided. "The Lay Movement in My District" was discussed by G. L. Hackney, R. M. Taylor and A. C. Reynolds for the Asheville, Franklin and Waynesville Districts respectively. Then followed a short and interesting address by Dr. J. W. Wolling, now of Newberry, S. C., but formerly a missionary to Brazil, for a number of years.

Thursday morning an organization was effected, with Capt. W. T. Weaver, of Asheville, president, and Jno. A. Marr, of Bryson City, secretary. W. H. Willis and R. M. Taylor spoke on the subjects: "Our Rural Missions" and "The Lay Evangelist and His Field." Thursday afternoon was given to a consideration of the work among the women and children. Mrs. H. A. Dunham and Miss Ada Buttrick each read an interesting paper on the subject of enlisting the young people. Then Miss Mabel Head of Nashville, Tenn., in a notable address, gave a comprehensive survey of the work being done by the women of the church both in home and foreign fields.

At the evening hour, Dr. W. W. Pinson, of Nashville, Tenn., one of the secretaries of the Board of Missions, delivered a strong and telling address upon certain vital phases of the work in all lands.

Friday morning Hon. W. B. Stubbs, general secretary of the Laymen's Movement for the M. E. Church, South, spoke on the subject of the "Legion of Honor." This address, one of the strongest of the convention, was illustrated by the use of charts, which revealed many startling facts connected with the field.

In the afternoon Dr. G. T. Rowe and Dr. I. L. Lallance, both of Asheville, delivered strong addresses, and in the evening Miss Mabel Head again spoke to a crowded house on the general theme of missionary information. With this service the conference closed.

It is believed that this conference has created a more general interest in missions. The community has caught the inspiration of the occasion, and if there is not a deepening of missionary zeal as a result of this conference, it must be the fault of the people.

It is to the credit of the town of Waynesville that the people so generously threw open their homes to the visitors, and that the hospitality of our people was fully appreciated by them as shown by the following resolution passed by the conference at one of the closing sessions: That "We feel under deep obligation to Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, his choir and his people, for their generous aid and kind services in making our meeting so pleasant and joyous; and that we recognize the generous hospitality of all the good people of Waynesville, extended to us in their delightful Christian homes."

### TO OUR FRIENDS.

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## News From The Capital

TARIFF BILL WILL BE RESULT OF JUDICIOUS COMPROMISE.

Democracy Divided as Usual Though no Responsibility on Them.

(From our Special Correspondent.) Washington, D. C., April 20th.—There is not only much satisfaction over the progress of the new tariff bill, but with the bill itself as amended by the Senate. It was a significant fact that every Republican but one voted for the bill as passed the House, as well as several Democrats. How long the bill will run in the Senate cannot be predicted, but it is hoped it may reach the Conference Committee by June 1st, at the latest.

### An Honest Effort at Revision.

All concede that an honest attempt has been made to revise the tariff in the interests of the consumer so far as possible, and yet provide for sufficient revenue. Of course no one is going to be entirely satisfied with the new law, and it is recognized that more than ever before the new duties must be a matter of compromise, of getting the best possible rates for each section and each industry and at the same time having regard for the best interests of all sections and all industries. While the Democrats in both House and Senate have pretended to be dissatisfied with the bill as presented, still they do not put forth any bill of their own that will give sufficient revenue and lower the cost of living. Mr. Clark, the minority leader, did move to recommit the Payne bill and presented certain changes, but they were entirely perfunctory, and if adopted would give far from the required revenue and little or no protection.

### Democracy Divided.

The fact of the matter is, that the Democratic party today has no settled policy and is absolutely incapable of undertaking any legislation. It is split into factions, and its leaders both in and out of Congress are at loggerheads. The majority of the Democrats in Congress are Protectionists as far as their own district or State is concerned, and it seems to be a case of "each man for himself and devil take the hindmost." This argues well for Republican success in the Congressional elections of next year when the dominant party will go before the country united and with leaders who have done something, not only for their constituents, but for the country at large.

### Treasury Receipts Gaining.

A most pleasing condition of the Treasury is shown so far in the April receipts, which to date are considerably in excess of the expenditures. It looks as if there is to be a surplus during May and June, which would reduce the deficit for the fiscal year most materially. Predictions have been freely made all winter that the deficit would be from \$120,000,000 to \$140,000,000, while it looks now as if it would be less than \$80,000,000. Should the tariff law be speedily enacted and the return of business activity be rapid, there may be a surplus for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910.

### Census Bill Soon to be in Operation.

While the tariff bill has been debated the census bill to take the place of the one vetoed by President Roosevelt has passed both Houses and will soon be in operation. While it gives considerable latitude to the Director, still its Civil Service features predominate. Whether any other legislation will be attempted at the extra session remains to be seen, but there is little likelihood of any of any importance.

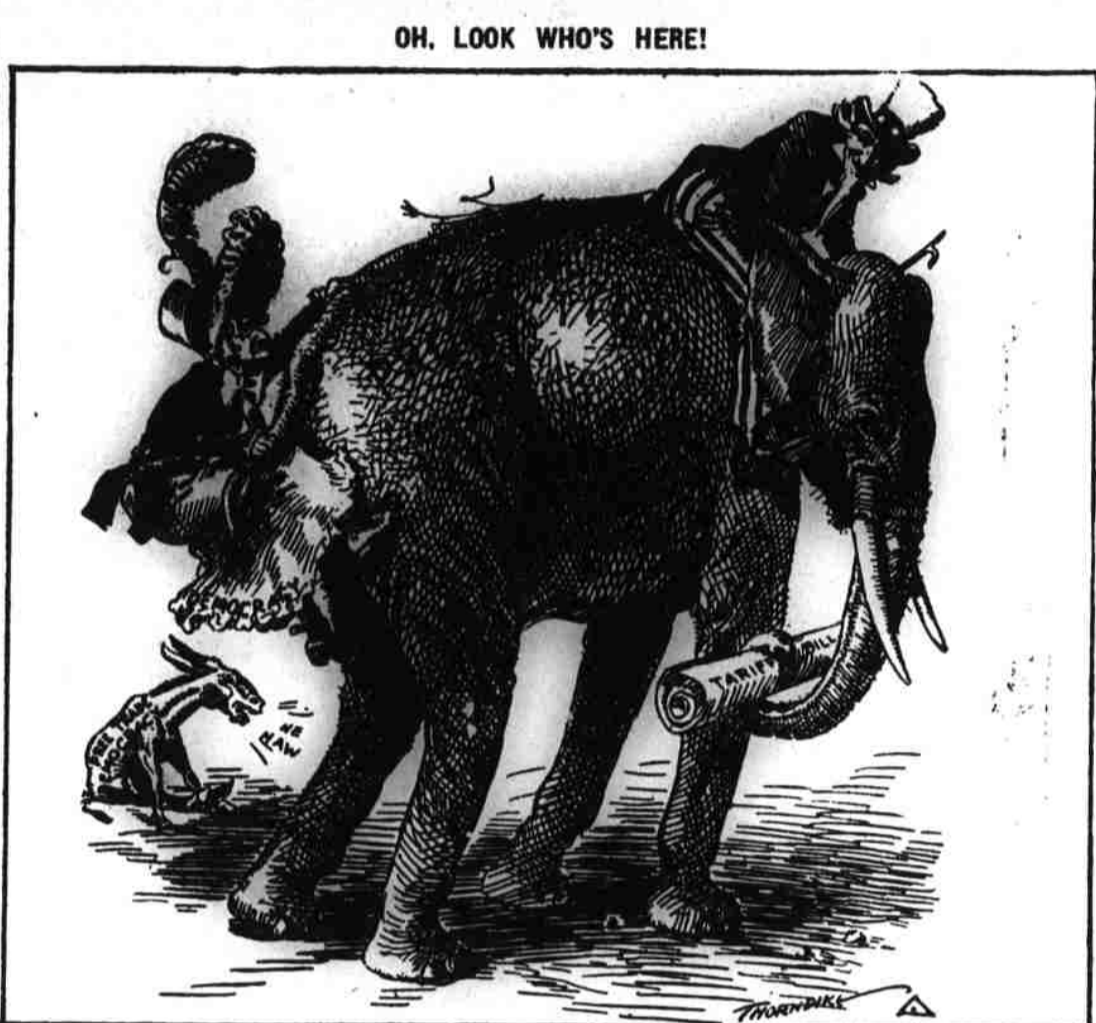
### A Working Administration.

As the Administration grows older it is seen that it is to be a working one in every respect, with little or none of the spectacular. Every Cabinet officer seems to follow the lead of President Taft in paying strict attention to his Department and devoting himself to his work in a quiet, unostentatious way.

Everywhere there is a most pronounced undertone of confidence in both the belief that the administration of Mr. Taft is to be a successful one in the extreme, and that it is to be accompanied with prosperity and good results to all.

### Vice President "Making Good."

Vice-President Sherman is gaining reputation as a popular speaker, and is in great demand all over the



OH, LOOK WHO'S HERE!

### MORE TROUBLE IN TURKEY.

Sultan May Be Forced to Abdicate.

The situation in Turkey as we go to press is becoming hourly more acute. General Hushni Pasha with 30,000 soldiers is outside the city of Constantinople and the rumor is that Sultan Abdul Hamid has abdicated the throne. The peaceful revolution of a few months ago which gave Turkey a constitution at the insistence of a powerful organization known as the Young Turks did not place matters on a basis satisfactory to the entire nation. A few days ago the reactionary idea gained expression in the revolt of the part of the army stationed near and around the capital. A change of ministry took place.

Now the Young Turks with the army of 30,000 men which is being recruited rapidly by enthusiastic advocates seem to have the situation in their own hands. No one can foretell the outcome. The Sultan changed from absolute monarch to popular leader with truly remarkable success. Whether he will be forced to abdicate is a question.

It is reported that 400 were killed during the rioting at Adena.

### Rural Boxes Must Be Conveniently Placed.

Postmaster Green has received notice from the postoffice department that R. F. D. mail boxes must be located so they can be reached by the carrier without leaving the road, dismounting, driving in deep ditches, or up inclines and so the approach shall not be obstructed. It is not required that the boxes be placed beside the wheel tracks but they should be attached to posts firmly set at the side of the road, high enough to be served by the carrier without rising from his seat or reaching through the wheel posts.

The carriers are directed to report to the postmaster the names of patrons whose boxes do not comply with the requirements.

### LOST.

Lady's silk umbrella with straight three-sided handle of wood. Return to the Enterprise office and receive reward.

country. His recent speech before the Utica Chamber of Commerce on "Our Country" bristled with patriotic utterances which were substantiated with unanswerable statistics concerning our present administration is a strong one in this respect and the country is going to be the gainer thereby. There is no disputing the fact that the Republican party has never been so strong in its leaders as well as the rank and file of the party as it is today. The young men of the country are almost all Republicans and thousands of all ages in the South are leaving the Democratic party and joining the party of progress and wisdom.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PHILIPPINE TARIFF.

President Taft Submitted Special Message on the Subject.

The President last Thursday sent to Congress a special message regarding the Philippine tariff. This message transmitted recommendations by the secretary of war for a revision of the Philippine tariff so as to permit as much customs revenue as possible for the islands and at the same time to extend to the islands the principle of a protective tariff for its industries. Under the conditions which will arise from the enactment of the tariff bill pending in congress which provides under certain conditions for free trade between the Philippines and the United States, the revenues of the islands will be considerably affected and numerous protests have been received here on this account. Generally speaking the bill submitted by the President makes a slight increase in the rates of duty now provided in the Philippine tariff, but its framers say its tendency is to insure so far as practicable the benefit of the Philippine market for American manufactures and products.

The President's message follows: The President's Message.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

"I transmit herewith communications from the Secretary of War, enclosing one from the Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, in which is transmitted a proposed tariff revision law for the Philippine Islands. "This measure revises the present Philippine tariff, simplifies it, and makes it conform as nearly as possible to the regulations of the customs laws of the United States, especially with respect to packing and packages. The present Philippine regulations have been cumbersome and difficult for American merchants and exporters to comply with. Its purpose is to meet the new conditions that will arise under the section of the pending United States tariff bill which provides, with certain limitations, for free trade between the United States and the islands. It is drawn with a view to preserving to the islands as much custom revenue as possible, and to protect in a reasonable measure those industries which now exist in the islands. "The bill now transmitted has been drawn by a board of tariff experts of which the insular collector of customs, Col. George R. Colton, was the president. The board held a great many open meetings in Manila, and conferred fully with representatives of all business interests in the Philippine Islands. It is of great importance to the welfare of the islands that the bill should be passed at the same time with the pending Payne bill, with special reference to the provisions of which it was prepared.

### NEWS IN BRIEF.

Gleaned as We Go to Press.

Deputy Sheriff D. L. Beasley of East Spencer, who on yesterday dangerously shot James Keesler at the latter's home over a family dispute, walked into Spencer yesterday afternoon and surrendered to the Sheriff, J. H. McKenzie.

### Boy Burned to Death.

Salisbury, N. C., April 19.—James, a four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kariker, was burned to death in a barn at their farm home near Salisbury this afternoon. The barn was discovered on fire and the family rushed to the scene, when to their horror the charred body of the boy fell from the loft burned beyond recognition. It is believed the lad set fire to his own death trap and could not escape.

### Asheville Stirred Up.

From Tuesday's "Asheville Citizen": "The mass meeting held at the court house last night in the interest of law and order, following sermons on the subject preached at most of the city churches Sunday, was attended by an audience which more than filled the court room, many standing in the aisles, and the enthusiasm at times reached a high pitch of demonstration.

### Revenue to Be Sufficient.

Washington, April 19.—Senator Aldrich, chairman of the committee on finance, in opening the debate of the pending tariff bill assured the senate in most positive terms that the bill reported from the committee on finance would produce ample revenue for the government. He suggested that if, by any possibility, these estimates should prove to be incorrect the duty of congress would be to "reduce expenditures and make them conform to actual revenue conditions and not to impose new and onerous taxes."

### Will Not Rely on Sentiment.

Flushing, L. I., April 19.—That the "unwritten law" will not figure in the trial of Captain Peter C. Haine Jr., U. S. A., for the murder of William E. Annis, at the Bayside Yacht club last August, was the positive statement made today by John F. McIntyre, chief counsel for the defense at the opening of the trial before Justice Garretson in the Supreme court here today.

"I respectfully recommend that this bill be enacted at the present session of Congress, as one incidental to and required by the passage of the Payne bill.

"WILLIAM H. TAFT." Adequate protection to the principal products of the United States, Mr. Colton says, is given by the bill, and tobacco and sugar are treated as in the measure passed by the house.

## New Era For The South

FRIENDSHIP OF OUR GREAT PRESIDENT MEANS MUCH.

Era of Good Feeling Certain to Begin in Dixie at Once.

Secretary of War Dickinson, as guest of honor of the Southern Club of Chicago last week, made a speech before that body which should endear him to every true son of his native Dixie. He referred to the unselfishness and greatness of President Taft in taking such a firm stand for the good of the South, and declared that the next four years would be a period of great development in this section.

Mr. Dickinson spoke substantially as follows:

### Rare Qualities of the President.

The ages produce only at rare intervals men whose hearts go out spontaneously to those who oppose their ambition, whose patriotism comprehends within its strivings for the public welfare impartially every part of the country, however affected by political differences, whose courage dares pursue an unexplored way which may invite harsh criticism and strong opposition and whose wisdom is present to correctly interpret the spirit of the times. Those rare qualities are combined in the President of the United States who, judged by all the standards by which men are tried, gives such promise as justifies the American people in expecting all the national prosperity and happiness that can be vouchsafed by an able, wise, honest and fearless administration. I am deeply impressed with the belief that great good is coming to the South under the administration of President Taft. While a cold, distant, unsympathetic President would not necessarily retard the progress of the South, it is certain that one with a warm, big heart, beating in unison with our hearts, a mind alert to discern and a disposition keen to promote what will redound to our welfare, a cheery smile that lifts tons, will act as a tonic, inspiring hope and stimulating to high endeavor.

### Era of Feeling Dawns.

The next four years should be a period of great development in the South. An era of general good feeling, emphasized by the great head of the nation on many occasions that will be presented to him, will give more confidence at home and abroad, and both are greatly needed. Capital will not continue to be alarmed as it has been in the past by unkind criticism. A higher respect for the law, a greater observance of order, should and will follow. The prevalence of a kinder sentiment will bring about a greater tolerance of differences in opinion and promote a freer discussion, which always brings enlightenment. The South has been much disposed to resent criticism from the outside and to stifle it at home. There can be no more fatal bar to progress, though there will always be some who prefer the sway of prejudice, who would rather continue conditions that foster appeals to ignorance and passion, and who would rather rule in a stagnant civilization than be relegated to the obscurity that awaits them when better ideals prevail.

Economic and industrial conditions will exert a more profound influence in shaping the destinies of the South than they have hitherto. More and more are we realizing the necessity for co-operative exertion. The old civilization of the South in its nature fostered individualism and developed personal independence at the expense of communal interest.

Under this system was produced a strength of character, a self-reliance and a personal independence and courage that have never been surpassed, but there was a corresponding want of that development which advances a people through the influence of a co-operative capital and the union of all civic forces for the promotion of the general welfare.

### Co-Operation the Watchword.

What more striking illustration has the world ever given of what may be accomplished than that furnished by the public-spirited people of Chicago, who have at all times and in all ways, in season and out of season, co-operated to advance its welfare. In its formative period, when a new railroad was needed, (Concluded on seventh page)