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HENRY WATTERSON PRAISES PRESIDENT TAFT.

Vice President Sherman Making Good—Senate Still Grinding on Tariff Bill.

Washington, D. C., June 7th.—Nothing so well illustrates the esteem in which President Taft is held by the whole country, regardless of section and party as the sentiments expressed by Mr. Henry Watterson in his Memorial Day address. Mr. Watterson said:

For the Whole People.
"Today it is Lincoln's example which moves a calm, enlightened and patriotic occupant of the Presidential office—like himself a life-long Republican and a Republican partisan—to reach forth his arms as if to clasp in their embrace the whole people, seeking to win the good opinion, yearning for the approval, of each and every one of them."

"Whether they give it in detail, or divide upon the incidental issue of the time, they will not withhold it in the aggregate; and, since a vigorous opposition is indispensable to good government, his wise moderation and transparent integrity give us the promise of an opposition based upon principles rather than fiction, self-respecting and respectful, upright, clean, and kind."

That We are Americans.
"From such partyism nothing is to be feared, because it leaves us free, when dangers come, to forget that we are Republicans, or forget that we are Democrats, remembering only that we are Americans."

Few Mistakes.
Without any desire to unduly emphasize the good judgment displayed by Mr. Taft thus far during his administration, it can be said that his judicial temperament and deliberate action will undoubtedly result in fewer mistakes than has been the lot of any President since Lincoln.

The Vice President, Too.
Not only is the President endearing himself to all the people, but Vice-President Sherman, as well, seems to be growing more popular every day. There are various little acts which appeal to the sentiment of the people—unassuming and unostentatious in themselves, but which reach the people through the newspapers. On Sunday, May 30th, Decoration Day, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman first went to worship at Christ Church, in Alexandria, known as Washington's church, and after the service proceeded on to Mount Vernon, where the placed wreaths on the graves of George and Martha Washington. This is the first time in our history that a President or Vice President of the United States has done such an act, while it was performed without any ceremony whatever and was a simple tribute, yet it became known to the Washington papers and hence to the papers of the country.

Debate Goes on.
It begins to look as if Mr. Taft is not going to be able to leave the White House for his summer vacation as early as he had wished. The tariff debate goes on seemingly without end and very slow progress is being made. It does not seem possible now that the bill can be put out of the Senate before July 1st, and it is not known how many weeks will be spent in Conference. Although the country is becoming impatient at the delay, and it is estimated that millions daily are being lost to the business interests of the country, yet it is only fair to state that the progress of the bill is quite as rapid as has been the case in previous tariff making. To be sure it is recognized that the bill as reported to the Senate will be passed substantially as reported by a majority of from ten to twenty, no matter how long the debate or how earnest may be the so-called progressive or insurgents, and yet after all it seems better that there should be a full discussion upon every item so that there can be no claim made after the bill is passed that it was rushed through without proper consideration. It is hoped that the bill that will be passed this summer will not have to be changed again for at least a decade, and for that reason it seems best that it should have the most

The Piano Going Easy

MISSSES ADAMS AND MOODY RUNNING EVEN.

Only Slight Gains Over Last Week.

The Enterprise contest is running along slowly. This is a big advantage to out of town candidates who are thereby given a chance to catch up. The piano is going to some one and now is the time to clinch it.

The vote to date is as follows:
Miss Wright, Tofton..... 305
Miss Shook, Canton..... 305
Miss Adams, Waynesville..... 205
Miss Moody, Waynesville..... 205
Miss Coman, Canton..... 205
Miss Fannie Howell, Waynesville..... 205
Miss Lucy McCracken, Crabtree..... 205
Miss Mary Franklin, Pigeon..... 605
Miss Hattie Rollins, Asheville..... 505
Miss Willie Smathers, Canton..... 405
Miss Lona Snyder, Dillboro..... 205
Miss Bertha Ensley, Sylva..... 205

From the above vote it will be seen that no one has a "cinch" on the piano or the cash prizes.

THE PIM HANDED OUT.

Oil Inspectors Named.

Last Thursday the state board of agriculture selected the ten oil inspectors to go on duty July 1st, when the new oil inspection law is operative. The following were named:

First district, George G. Stoddard, Washington; Second, J. D. Battle, Tarboro; Third, C. V. Robinson, Beaufort; Fourth, Jacob Thompson, Pittsboro; Fifth, J. H. Watson, Graham; Sixth, J. D. Austin, Maxton; Seventh, S. S. Lockhart, Wadesboro; Eighth, Martin A. Higgins, Ennise; Ninth, E. B. Jones, Hickory; Tenth, R. E. Flack, Rutherfordton.

The board changed the basis of pay from the maximum \$1,000 salary prescribed by the legislature to \$3 per day and expenses while actually engaged in the inspection work.

Old Soldiers Meet.

With the stars and the bars and the Star Spangled Banner flapping largely and amicably in the soft breeze of a typical southern day; with the pictures of the southern heroes aligned with those who fought for the north; with the streets filled with thousands of visitors, with here and there through the throng the soft gray and gold of the cause that millions revere, the Confederate Veterans' reunion began at Memphis, Tenn., yesterday. The reunion will last through the week.

Big Fire in Maine.

The entire northeastern section of Breesee Isle, Me., comprising the district where situated the most portentous residences, was swept by fire Tuesday, a high wind carrying flames and embers from street to street until one hundred dwelling houses and the Congregational church, the masonic hall and several other structures had been reduced to ashes. The Canadian Pacific rail road station and two large store houses for potatoes were burned. The total loss is estimated at \$300,000.

careful consideration and be finally accepted by the people as the wisdom of the majority in both Houses of Congress as well as the President.

Business Safe.

It is not believed that any important industries of the country will be adversely affected and there is every sign that an unusual degree of prosperity will follow the enactment of the law. Already without waiting for the final passage of the bill many mills which have been idle are being started up all over the country, and with the good crops which are expected there will be an unprecedented fall business, which will result in the reemployment of the many men now idle, with wages at the highest point we have ever known. This will mean new business next year and with the expected prosperity should come added confidence in the wisdom and legislation of the Republican party as well as the confidence reposed in the President, which should result in an increased Republican majority in the next House to be elected in the fall of 1910, all Democratic predictions to the contrary notwithstanding.



—Rogers in New York Herald.

THE PRESIDENT AFTER THE TOBACCO TRUST.

Submits Statement to the Senate.

Responding to a resolution introduced in the senate by Mr. Beveridge an exhaustive report made by the bureau of corporations of information collected affecting the price of tobacco was sent to the senate Saturday by President Taft.

It is stated that the bureau has in preparation a complete report covering the subject of the price of tobacco and the operations of corporations the information for which was secured in accordance with the law creating the bureau. The more important material, showing in substance the results of the investigation, is included in a preliminary report.

Commissioner Herbert Knox Smith says that any consideration of the subject of the tobacco industry during recent years is necessarily largely a consideration of the relation of the tobacco combination which controls substantially three-fourths of the business of manufacturing tobacco, other than cigars, in the United States. To show the extent of this business it is stated that the output of the independent concerns, excluding cigars, now amounts to \$35,000,000 per year.

According to the report the American Tobacco company and other companies in the combination have given the bureau full and ready access to their books and records. From comments made upon the manner of keeping books, it appears that the bureau has had less valuable information concerning the conduct of business by individual concerns.

Tables are included in the report showing the remarkable increase of profits to the concerns in the tobacco combination from 1890 to 1907 inclusive. The bureau says it is not prepared at the present time to report in detail on the subject of over-capitalization, or in cash value of the good will acquired from time to time by the combination. It is asserted however, that the value of good will, which means value of brands of goods manufactured by concerns which were swallowed up by the combination, could not have exceeded a comparatively small fraction of the value assigned to it on the books of the combination. The only reason why the American Tobacco company, in its early years, was able to earn liberal dividends on its entire capitalization the report says, lay in its monopoly power.

Among the most interesting subjects taken up is the amount of tax paid by the companies in the tobacco combination to the federal government in comparison with the profits made.

Shill Fighting.

A Salonki dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung yesterday says that a fight lasting eleven hours has occurred on the Balgo-Turkish frontier between Bulgarian and Turkish frontier guards. The casualties are not known.

MR. BRITT HONORED.

Important Office Tendered Him.

State Senator James J. Britt has been formally tendered the position of assistant attorney general, or attorney to the postoffice department, at Washington. This position, which is regarded at the national capital as one of dignity and importance, is designated in the two ways mentioned, but the appointment is made by the attorney general, and is therefore frequently alluded to as assistant attorney general.

Mr. Britt now has the tender of the position under advisement, and will within the next few days let the department know whether he will accept. Mr. Britt has within a few years built up a large growing and lucrative practice in the Federal and State courts and it is very likely that in tendering him this position the authorities at Washington had in mind the record which he made in the work of prosecuting the revenue cases in 1906. In addition to his practice Mr. Britt has taught law successfully for a number of years, and his service in the general assembly during the last session attracted favorable attention throughout the state.

Fuedist Killed.

Jackson, Ky., June 7.—Ex-Sheriff Edward Callahan, famous throughout this section of the state for the part he played in the numerous Breathitt county feuds, was shot from ambush today, and it is believed, fatally wounded, at his home in Crockettville. Reports tonight from Crockettville, the home of former Sheriff Callahan, are to the effect that the feud leader can not survive until morning.

THE QUEEN OF ALL.

Honor the dear old mother. Time has scattered the snowy flakes on her brow, plowed deep furrows on her cheeks, but she is not sweet and beautiful now! The lips are thin and shrunken; but those are the lips which have kissed many a hot tear from the childish cheeks, and they are the sweetest lips in all the world. The eyes are dim, yet it glows with the soft radiance of holy love which can never fade. Ah, yes, she is a dear old mother. The sands of life are nearly run out, but feeble as she is, she will go further and reach down lower than any other upon earth. You can not walk into a midnight where she cannot see you; you can not enter a prison whose bars will keep her out; you can never mount a scaffold too high for her to reach, that she may kiss and bless you in evidence of her deathless love. When the world shall despise and forsake you, when it leaves you by the wayside die unnoticed, the dear old mother will gather in her feeble arms and carry you home and tell you of all your virtues until you almost forget that your soul is disfigured by vice. Love her tenderly and cheer her declining years with holy devotion.—Selected.

MR. SCHENCK WENT TOO FAR.

Mr. Vanderbilt Repudiates His Action in Leasing Property.

From the Asheville Citizen.

Following the statement that the validity of Dr. C. A. Schenck's lease of the fishing and hunting rights on the eighty thousand acres of Pisgah forest had been repudiated by Mr. George W. Vanderbilt, came the announcement yesterday to the effect that Dr. Schenck had resigned his position as head of the Biltmore forestry department, the resignation to take effect November 1.

Mr. Vanderbilt found that his agent had undertaken in his name to lease the eighty thousand acres of the game preserves to Mr. H. F. Addicks, Jr., of this city for the sum of five thousand dollars a year providing in it that Mr. Vanderbilt was to bear the expense of patrolling or guarding the property and also that in case he sold the property he should refund all rentals which had been paid by the lessee. He also learned that Mr. Addicks had associated with him in the formation of a club to use the preserve. Mr. James A. Pugh and other prominent Chicago men and that they readily secured a membership of several hundred men whose initiation fees and annual dues would readily produce a yearly total about ten times the rental paid to him.

It was not to be expected that Mr. Vanderbilt should attach any criticism to Mr. Addicks or Mr. Pugh, since these gentlemen supposed and still insist that they were dealing with a fully authorized agent and had as a matter of fact simply accepted a contract tendered to them by Mr. Schenck. Mr. Vanderbilt brought Dr. Schenck here from Germany about fifteen years ago to take charge of his forests as an expert and to reforest an extensive area of wasted and washed land and the latter has had a free hand until now. He has always been regarded as one of the leading authorities on forestry of the country.

A POLITICIAN FOR JUDGE.

Governor Kitchin Rewards His Campaign manager.

Governor Kitchin announced last Thursday afternoon the appointment of J. S. Manning of Durham as associate justice of the Supreme court to succeed Judge H. G. Connor, now United States judge for the Eastern district of North Carolina.

Mr. Manning managed the campaign for Governor Kitchin last year and succeeded in overthrowing the forces of Hon. Leeks Craig of Asheville, whose following made the strongest fight ever shown in a state convention and succeeded in holding up the convention for three days and as many nights.

There has been considerable opposition to the appointment of Mr. Manning.

Waynesville Plays Ball

WALKS OFF WITH ASHEVILLE IN TWO STIFF GAMES.

Monday's Game was Fast and Furious. Score, 2 to 1. Games for the Week.

Monday, June 7, the Waynesville ball team achieved a notable victory over Asheville—score 2 to 1. Asheville came out fresh from a double victory over Knoxville on Saturday, and expecting to do things to us, but Lyon, the fast Southpaw, gave them all they were looking for. He pitched a magnificent game, holding Asheville to 4 scattered hits and striking out nine men. Turner, for Asheville, pitched a good game but his team did not support him. They made five glaring errors. Waynesville took the lead in the second inning and never relinquished it except for a few minutes in the 9th inning.

Taken all together it was a grand game and should have been better attended. Come on, Waynesville "fans," get the craze, attend the games. We have the fastest team in the western part of the state, and should the league be formed we will have a team near the top.

The stars of the game were Turbyfill and Wilkinson. Turbyfill distinguished himself by making a magnificent catch in center field, which undoubtedly saved the game. This boy is a comer and some one must look out for him. Wilkinson distinguished himself by his hitting, getting 2 of the 3 hits Waynesville made. Lyon was strong in the box.

The following are the principal points for record: Runs, Waynesville, 3; Asheville, 1. Hits, Waynesville, 3; Asheville, 4. Batting average, 29 for each team. Left on bases, Waynesville, 3; Asheville, 9. First base on errors, Waynesville, 3; Asheville, 1. First base on balls, off Lyon, 6; off Turner, 2. Time, 1:38. Umpire, Atkins. Attendance, 160.

Waynesville plays Asheville 2 games in Asheville Friday and Saturday, also plays Murphy here Wednesday and Thursday.

The game Tuesday with Asheville was a five inning affair and was played under difficulties, as the ground was sticky and kept the balls wet and hard to handle. It resulted in another victory for Waynesville by a score of 4 to 3. It was a splendid game considering the condition of the grounds. A thunder and rain storm broke loose at 2:30 and kept the attendance down to about 100.

Our record so far is three games played and three won, which we think is going some.

Porto Rican Bill Passed.

Washington, June 7.—After having traveled a thorny path for a month the house of representatives yesterday passed the Porto Rican bill without amendment. The bill provides that whenever the legislature shall fail to make the necessary appropriations for the current year shall be considered as in force and effect. It also provides that hereafter all reports of an official character shall be made direct to an executive department of the government of the United States to be designated by the president and such department is authorized to take jurisdiction of all matters pertaining to the island possession.

Let us Hope so.

Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of William Jennings Bryan of Widow Bennett fame, is said to be planning a great convention of the Jane Jefferson Clubs of Colorado. These clubs composed of women Democrats, organized to spread Democratic principles. Doubtless she will profit by the mistakes made by her father with his Thomas Jefferson clubs.—Judge.

He Wanted to Know.

A prominent insurance man in San Francisco tells the following: "A man went to sleep in the midst of a certain lecture. When he woke up in the morning the words were flying as fast as when he went to sleep. 'Say,' he interrupted the harangue to inquire, 'are you talking yet or again?'"—Circle.