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MERIT SYSTEM BEING ASSAILED

Democrats Are Very Anxious To Know Why Only Republicans Pass.

AN INQUIRY DEMANDED

Two Of Them Before The Senate And Will Receive Consideration Tuesday.

Washington, May 3.—On next Tuesday the Civil Service Committee of the Senate will consider two resolutions calling for a thorough investigation of the enforcement of the civil service law under Republican administrations.

Repeated charges have been made in the past six months that this law has been administered almost wholly in the interest of the Republican party and that its operation has been farcical so far as it presumed to eliminate partisanship from the Government service.

So persistent have been these accusations and so fortified have they been with circumstantial evidence that an unprejudiced inquiry into the whole matter was demanded by the Democratic majority of the Senate and reluctantly agreed to by Republican leaders.

In theory the civil service is non-political. The present law was enacted with the design of installing a merit system in the departments of the Government and of eliminating the log-rolling and scrambling for minor Federal jobs.

That this law has not been followed, responsible people, both in and out of the Government service, assert. And to bear out the charge records have already been produced by Senators and Cabinet officers which indicate marked indifference to the spirit of the law, if not to the letter.

For instance, when Secretary Bryan went into the State Department, he began a quiet inquiry into the politics of the consular service which has long been nominally under the civil service. The Secretary found that candidates for consulships had been examined, but he was astonished to note that only Republicans seemed able to meet the requirements of the examining board. He found, it is said, that 90 per cent. of all the laws were Republicans despite the fact that about an equal number of Republicans and Democrats had applied.

Senator Overman, of North Carolina, declares that in the railway mail service more than 75 per cent. of all the chiefs, assistant chiefs and other employes are Republicans, regardless of the fact that politics is supposed to be barred from this division of the postal service.

Senator Pomerene, of Ohio, in a statement declares that Republicans are in overwhelming majority in all the departments of the Government. He adds that he has made no personal investigation, but that he has information to this effect which he regards as entirely reliable.

It is upon testimony of this character that the Senate Civil Service Committee will order a sweeping probe into the whole operation of the civil service law, if that body acts, as Senator Pomerene now promises.

By way of reply the Republicans of the Senate point to the fact that the present Civil Service Commission is a Democratic body and would be expected to lean toward Democratic applicants if it yielded to political influence at all. Gen. John C. Black, president of the commission, is a Democrat, but was appointed to office by a Republican President. John A. McIlhenny is another Democrat, but he was also appointed by a Republican President. Only Commissioner Washburn admits frankly that he is a Republican.

The proposed investigation of the civil service does not involve the recent executive orders placing fourth class postmasters and navy yard employes under the protection of the law. It rather affects the class of Government employes which is protected by the original civil service act.

That practically all fourth class postmasters throughout the country are Republicans is granted. No question has been raised as to that fact. They were appointed to office in the beginning by Republican Presidents and were put into the civil service by the order of

WILL AWARD CONTRACT FOR ERECTION OF NEW SCHOOL.

The Board of Trustees of the Craven County Farm Life School will meet in the office of S. M. Brison, superintendent of the public schools of the county tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of awarding the contract for the erection of the Farm Life School and other buildings. Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will meet with the Board as will Dr. J. E. Turlington, who is to have charge of the school.

ELECTRIC ARCHES WILL ILLU- MINATE STREETS.

The business section of New Bern and parts of the principal streets will be illuminated with the arches this week in honor of the visiting ladies who will be in attendance at the meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs. The North Carolina druggists will meet here on June 11 for a three days' session and the arches will also be used for illumination purposes on that occasion.

D. L. Ward returned yesterday from a professional visit at Wilson.

ORPHANAGE CLASS HERE THIS WEEK

TO GIVE CONCERT THURSDAY
NIGHT UNDER MASONIC
AUSPICES.

The following is from the Watauga Democrat, Boone, B. C., where the Oxford Orphan Asylum Singing Class spent two weeks last year attended and the annual Masonic picnic:

"The exercises of the day were opened with prayer, followed with a song by the Oxford Orphan Singing Class, which is composed of fourteen as bright, attractive and highly cultured boys and girls as you could wish to see, who shed lustre upon the great Institution they represent.

"At 2:30 the children gave a concert in the court house and every available seat on the floor and gallery was occupied, and it is the general consensus of opinion that it was the finest treat our people have had in a long time."

The class will give a concert here next Thursday night under the auspices of the local Masonic fraternity and a large attendance is bespoken by that fraternity.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ANNIVERSARY TODAY.

Today is the celebration of the Epworth League Anniversary in Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church. At 8 o'clock tomorrow evening there will be an address by Rev. E. H. McWhorter of Morehead City, and special music.

All members of the League are requested to meet in the Sunday school room and attend this service in a body.

The Elijah Taylor Contracting Company who have had the construction of J. R. Taylor's new home on National avenue in charge have completed their work and the owner has moved into this new residence.

A colored boy employed as porter at the Standard Shoe Store and who at the time was riding a bicycle, collided with an automobile on Broad street last night. The rider was thrown from the wheel but fortunately was not injured was. The bicycle was somewhat damaged.

Rev. E. H. McWhorter of Morehead City will fill the pulpit of Centenary Methodist church Sunday night and preach the anniversary sermon before the Epworth League.

The Bradham Drug Company, Pines drug store, Leinster Duffy's pharmacy and Kennedy's pharmacy will serve the public today.

The last Republican Executive.

To undo the Taft order will have to be revoked either by President Wilson or by an act of Congress, a phase of the matter not under debate at this time.

BRIDGETON WAS IN GREAT DANGER

Forest Fire Swept Down Toward Town From the North.

"BACK FIRING" RESORTED TO

Spectacular Spectacle Attracts Attention of Many Local Citizens.

For the past few days a forest fire has been raging in the woods north of Bridgeton and much valuable timber has been destroyed. Friday night the flames began to approach Bridgeton and the inhabitants of that little town became alarmed.

Yesterday morning the fire had reached a point only a short distance above the town and the entire place was filled with a dense pall of smoke. The citizens realized that unless some action was taken to stop the progress of the flames that the village was in danger of suffering a serious loss by fire. They at once began to "back fire" toward the blaze. Practically every citizen of the town assisted by the crew of the revenue cutter Pamlico was engaged in this work and by their strenuous efforts succeeded in accomplishing their purpose and thus stopped the advance of the flames.

There were a number of rumors in this city that the fire had reached the town and many local citizens went over to Bridgeton to offer their assistance. Thomas Davis, chief of the New Bern Fire Department offered to take one of the fire engines and a hose wagon over in case the flames succeeded in reaching the town but fortunately this assistance was not needed and it is thought that all danger is past.

From a distance the fire was very spectacular. A dense column of smoke reached far into the elements and at the base of this the angry flames could occasionally be seen to reach out, flare for a moment then vanish. During the afternoon many people watched the blaze from the river shore along East Front Street and numerous photographs were made of the spectacle.

DEFEATING BONDS WOULD NOT EFFECT CHANGE IN SCHOOL POLICY.

A singular error that is made in connection with the proposed bond issue for schools is to regard supposed mistakes in the policy of the Board of Trustees or the superintendent as showing that there is not any need for more room. The mistakes in management if there are any will not be corrected as a result of defeating the bond issue. They will stand just as good a chance to be corrected, if there are any, if the bond issue does not carry. If the schools are not being conducted in the most approved style, the thing to do is to get the necessary changes in management made. To force the children to continue studying in crowded and unsanitary rooms would be the strangest way imaginable of altering the policy of the school management.

TELEPHONES IN BEAUFORT.

Beaufort has telephone service now. Friday's Beaufort news says:

"Yesterday telephone service was inaugurated in this city by the Home Telephone and Telegraph Co. General Manager F. C. Topleman was here to help get the service underway. Beaufort now can boast of as good a telephone system as is possessed by any city in the state. Miss Norah Harrell of Emporia, Va., and expert telephone operator, is here for a few weeks, helping to get the system in good working order."

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Standard Shoe Co.—Crossett Shoes. A Castet—Another fine lot of stall fed beef.

New Bern Banking & Trust Co.—A modern method. People's Bank How to deposit by mail.

Elijah Taylor & Co.—When building of any kind is needed.

Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust Co.—Don't spend all you make.

National Bank—The bank for the farmer.

S. Coplon & Son Notice to the ladies.

COMING ELECTION IS CHIEF TOPIC

Much Interest Being Manifested In Approaching Event By Local Voters.

BOND ISSUE MUCH DISCUSSED

Many In Favor of Issue While Others Are Trying To Defeat It.

The election which will be held on next Tuesday, May 6, is one of the chief topics of conversation in New Bern just at the present time. On that day the voters of this city will determine whether or not there will be an issue of city bonds in the amount of twenty thousand dollars to be used in the improvement of the facilities of the public schools.

On almost every corner in the business section of the city and in all the public places can be found groups of men discussing this proposed bond issue. Many predict that the bonds will not carry while others are sure that the voters will rally to the aid of the schools and vote for the bond issue.

Not before in some time has so much interest been manifested in an election. The recent primary for the nomination of the city officers, who will also be elected next Tuesday, was a tame affair in comparison with the proposed bond election. Especially during the past few days has so much interest been manifested. Not only are the men discussing the bond issue but the ladies and children are equally interested and it is one of the chief topics of conversation with them.

Those in favor of the bonds being issued are doing all within their power to bring about this result. One can hardly turn around down in the business section of the city without casting their eyes upon some inscription urging them to vote for the bonds. Those opposed to the bonds being issued are equally active and the streets and public places are liberally supplied with their literature.

However the result of the election cannot be forecasted to a certainty and the result will not be known until after the votes are counted Tuesday night.

MACHINISTS ARE UP TO THE MARK

DIFFICULT PIECE OF WORK
DONE IN REPAIRING
BROKEN PART.

Don't fear that you can't get anything made in New Bern. Night before last a part was broken on the Lanson Monotype caster, the machine which casts the body type used in the Journal each morning. It was a very delicate part, made of the highest tempered steel, and the management feared that such a part could not be made in New Bern. But it was a snap for the skillful machinists of Craven Foundry and Machinery Company. "That's easy," said Superintendent Walter Brinson of the shops when a Journal man showed him the broken part. In due time the part, looking better and stronger than the old one, was forthcoming, in its place and working as smoothly as if nothing had ever happened.

You will have to hand it to the New Bern machine shops for being well advanced in their line of work. There are probably only a few places in the whole of North Carolina where such a piece of work could have been done.

Miss Louise Herndon has returned from Cartersville, Ga., where she assisted Rev. J. B. Phillips in the singing and other details of a very successful revival meeting. From Cartersville Mr. Phillips went on to Macon, Ga., where at the church of which he was formerly pastor he now is holding a revival. He will be out of the city several weeks longer.

E. T. Berry returned yesterday from a visit at Morehead City.

J. W. MOORE RETURNS FROM BALTIMORE HOSPITAL

J. W. Moore, proprietor of the Gem Hotel who recently underwent an operation at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, Md., returned home yesterday afternoon. He was accompanied by his daughters Mrs. J. E. Latham of Greensboro and Mrs. Woody Gardner of Baltimore. Mrs. Gardner's husband and children also accompanied the party. Mr. Moore is steadily improving and his early recovery is imminent.

BIG LAND SALE TO BE HELD AT POLLOKSVILLE.

There will be a big and sale at Pollockville on Thursday, May 15, and fifty high class residence lots and twenty-five business lots will be disposed of. This sale will be conducted by the American Realty and Auction Company of Greensboro, one of the largest companies of its kind in the State. There will be a big barbecue in which everyone who attends will participate and many valuable prizes will be given away. The property is located on the west side of Main street just opposite the new bank building.

LA GRANGE EDITOR WAS ON THE JOB

TRAVELED HUNDRED MILES TO
GIVE HIS READERS LIVE
NEWS MATTER.

It is not an unusual thing for daily papers in the cities to show a spirit of progressiveness and up-to-date journalism by going to unusual means to secure news items and get a "coop" on the other papers, but it is a little out of the ordinary to see the management of a weekly paper overcome great difficulties in getting a good news story before it has lost its real news value.

However, this is just what Foy A. Vause, editor of the La Grange Sentinel, a weekly paper published at La Grange, did early yesterday morning and the readers of his paper were given the news of the disastrous fire which visited that town on Friday afternoon just a little after the city dailies had been distributed there.

Mr. Vause has his paper, which makes its appearance every Friday printed at Wilson, not having a plant of his own, and on the afternoon of the fire had just returned from Wilson with the week's issue of the paper. The flames were just beginning to gain headway when he stepped from the train and scenting a good news story he did not place the papers in the post-office.

After the conflagration had been extinguished Mr. Vause began to make some plans for getting out a supplement for his paper giving an account of the fire. It was impossible for him to get the work done in Kinston, so boarding the midnight train he came to New Bern, expecting to get the work done at the Journal office. Unfortunately the Journal's type setting machine had broken down just a few minutes prior to his arrival and it was impossible to get the type set here.

Not daunted however, Mr. Vause tied himself to the Sun office and setting out to one of the linotype machines soon hammered out the desired quantity of type. Returning to the Journal office Mr. Vause placed his matter on one of the large job presses and in a very short time had the supplement for his paper ready for delivery.

Mr. Vause will get not a penny extra for his work in issuing this supplement. Yet he traveled a hundred miles, worked five or six hours and spent several dollars for material. This is progressive journalism with a vim and deserves much credit.

DINING ROOM SERVICE TO BE RESUMED.

Beginning tomorrow night the dining room of the Hotel James will be in service and the patrons of the house will not be compelled to secure their meals at cafes and boarding houses. The dining room service was discontinued several weeks ago and since that time the house has been taken over by a new management and they have decided to reopen it.

MEXICO TO NAME NEW PRESIDENT

October 26 Is Date Agreed Upon At Conference Between Huerta and Diaz.

DIAZ IS LEADING CANDIDATE

No Adherent Of The Liberal Party Will Participate In The Political Race.

Washington, May 3.—Election for President of Mexico will be conducted October 26 by the Huerta government, according to advices to the Mexican embassy here today. The report said the date was agreed upon at a conference between Provisional President Huerta, General Felix Diaz, the cabinet, and representatives of all parties in both houses of congress.

General Diaz is expected to be the leading candidate for the presidency. Many people believe, however, that General Huerta also will enter the race and it is suggested that Francisco de la Barra, minister for foreign affairs, in the provisional government, also may be a candidate.

Probably no adherent of the Liberal party, of which the late President Madero was leader, will enter the race unless in the meantime peace has been restored. In the event of peace, it is reported here as almost certain that Gen. Emilio Gomez, who claimed to have been elected at the general convention at San Luis Potosi a year ago, will become a candidate.

Reports from Mexico City also suggest Governor Carranza, leader of the present rebellion, will, although he has distanced presidential ambitions.

Emp. Law Sheltered.

Nogales, Ariz., May 3.—The only apparent result of the shelling of Empalme today, when state troops exterminated the killing of an entire family.

A shell from the gun of the Guerrero burst over a home in the center of the town, killing a man and his wife and several children. No Americans were reported injured.

Rifle fire late today indicated that the federals had begun a movement, in pursuit of the fleeing constitutionalists, whose hasty exit occasioned the shelling. It was believed federal reinforcements recently arriving at Guaymas had begun an advance.

The State troops left on trains consisting of 17 engines and 40 box cars, all the available railway equipment. Thus pursuit by rail was prevented.

General Aubert Surrenders.

Eagle Pass, Tex., May 3.—General Tracy Aubert, commander of the federal forces in Northern Mexico, has surrendered to Venustiano Carranza, rebel leader, according to an officer of the revolutionary forces at Pileras, Negras, across the border from Eagle Pass. The surrender occurred at Lampazos, 70 miles south of the boundary, according to the officer.

All telegraph wires leading to Lampazos have been cut and verification of the statement is not possible tonight.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS TOMORROW.

VAUDEVILLE.
Smileta Sisters.

Aerial artists—a feature attraction for any home.

PICTURES.
"Act and Honor"

A love romance between a Northern young man and a famous Southern belle.

"The Great Centipede"

The Centipede is a well known venomous and vicious insect—it is the terror of all other insects, being capable of paralyzing them immediately they come in its path. Its bite is poisonous to human beings, so that, who it is not a good thing to meet personally, a study of its nature on the screen is profitable and entertaining.

"O'Hara Helps Cupid"

O'Hara helps cupid aim his dart and pin two hearts together that might have been separated. The picture tells a whole lot more than we can describe. You'll miss a treat if you fail to see it.

Matinee daily at 3:45. 2 shows at night. 1st starts at 8 o'clock. 2d at 9:15. You can always secure a desirable seat by observing the hours.