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SIMPLE CEREMONY

HARDING TAKES UP REINS OF OFFICE

Ex-President is Now Just Plain "Woodrow Wilson"—Cabinet Nominations Confirmed.

Washington, March 4.—The reins of presidential authority passed from Woodrow Wilson to Warren G. Harding today in an inaugural ceremony at once the simplest and most dramatic of a generation.

The drama centered about the retirement of Woodrow Wilson to private life. Insistent to the last moment that he would carry out a retiring President's customary part in the ceremonies, Mr. Wilson finally yielded to the pleading of relatives and to the warning of his physician that he might endanger his life and only accompanied his successor to the Capitol.

As he descended from the White House portico to enter the waiting automobile, secret service men placed his feet on each descending step; when he left the car to enter the Capitol he was practically lifted up a short flight of steps to the President's room where he signed bills, he told Senator Knox, chairman of the congressional inaugural committee, that he was not equal to participating in the ceremony of inaugurating vice-President Coolidge in the senate chamber nor in the ceremony of inaugurating President Harding on the portico facing the plaza outside.

"Plain Woodrow Wilson."

After a few moments at the capitol Mr. Wilson went to his private home to become "plain Woodrow Wilson" as he expressed it, and he never even planned at the White House as he passed by on his way.

Before Mr. Harding had been President an hour he had revived a precedent set by George Washington by conferring with the senate in executive session, submitting in person the nominations of his ten cabinet officers, all of which immediately were confirmed.

Within another hour he had gone to the White House to "hang up his hat and go to work," as he himself had often said, and unlocked the White House gates which for four years had been closed to the public. The public overrunning the grounds and peeping through the windows to see the new President in conference with cabinet officers.

Now Show or Pomp.

Mr. Harding took the oath of office at 1:18 p. m., exactly eight years to the minute from the time the same words of obligation were spoken by Mr. Wilson at his inauguration. The inauguration ceremonies, conforming to Mr. Harding's wishes, were kept free from almost every show of the pomp and circumstance that usually surround the incoming of acceptance of the executive.

Thousands witnessed the oath and cheered the old and new Presidents along Pennsylvania avenue, but the crowd was only a fraction of the customary inauguration throngs. On the Bible used by George Washington at his first induction into office, and on a verse of scripture extolling the virtue of an humble faith in God, Mr. Harding pledged his best ability to the presidency. In his inaugural address he reaffirmed his reverence for the traditions of the fathers and reiterated his belief that the supreme task ahead was to bring the country once more to normalcy.

GETS WIRELESS OF INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Edwin Webb, wireless genius, who has rigged up a station here where he is able to receive wireless messages from all parts of the world, received President Harding's inaugural address Friday and sent a copy to The Star office where it was posted. Edwin has fitted up his instrument to receive wireless telephone messages such as music and spoken words direct from all parts of the world, but President Harding's inaugural address was not sent out in this manner, but came in code form from the great government station at Arlington near Washington. Edwin received the address and furnished several copies for friends who gathered at Judge Webb's home.

In all up to date 426 Russian radicals have been deported from the United States by the department of labor.

"Cloudburst Sale" Ushers in a New Head of the Shelby Link of the Efirid Chain.

Efirid's Department store of Shelby has a new manager, Mr. Safferfield, one of the liveliest wires in the Efirid organization of 31 stores. The new head took charge Monday and on Friday Efirid's will introduce the new manager to the public with a "cloudburst of bargains."

Mr. Safferfield is a product of the Efirid system, having started with the firm as check boy in Concord years ago, and through his natural business ability, close attention to business, his fair and courteous dealings with employers, associates and the public, he has risen to a position of importance and trust seldom acquired by a young man of his age. He comes to Shelby from Danville, Va., where he was in charge of the ladies-ready-to-wear department, and, and from all accounts, he knows the game from A to Z.

Mr. Safferfield reflects the electrical energy and progressiveness of the five Efirid brothers, whose achievements in the mercantile world have been nothing short of marvelous.

Mr. Mack Wilkins former manager, has been transferred to the wholesale department in the Charlotte store, and will leave for his new post within a few days.

Large and extensive preparations have been made for the greatest sale ever staged in this section. A "cloudburst of values" is a scheme to introduce the new manager to the buying public. This sale will commence Friday morning March 11th, and continue for 10 days, through Saturday March 19th, as announced in another part of this paper. New goods have been arriving daily by freight and express, direct from the mills and the largest manufacturers in the country, and these goods will, together with the regular stock, all go in this mammoth sale.

Mr. M. O. Efirid sales promotion manager of the Efirid chain has been in Shelby for several days, going through the stock, and with a dozen or more clerks is engaged in marking down merchandise, and assisting Mr. Safferfield in completing all the plans for the biggest sale in the history of the Shelby store.

MR. W. P. CROOK DEAD.

Former Citizen of Rock Hill, S. C., Passed Away Sunday.

Mr. W. P. Crook, after an illness of nearly two years, quietly passed away at his home here on South DeKalb street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the immediate cause of his death being a stroke of paralysis which he suffered last week and from which he never rallied.

Mr. Crook was born at Edgewood, S. C., near Rock Hill, 66 years ago and was a large and influential planter in that state, until his health failed him a few years ago. He and his family afterwards moved to Charlotte, coming to Shelby to make their home in the fall of 1919 in search of health.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Mary Ford of South Carolina, and this happy union was blessed with six sons and three daughters, all of whom together with his widow survive, namely: Mrs. C. M. Sisley of Rock Hill, S. C.; Mrs. A. C. Dawson of Greenville, S. C., and Miss Elizabeth Crook of this place, who is the efficient stenographer for Ryburn & Hoey, lawyers; Messrs R. L. Crook of Chester, S. C.; C. G. of Durham; G. F. of Washington, D. C.; H. P. of Norfolk, Va.; B. T. Chester, Pa. and W. K. of Kings Mountain.

The deceased was a devout Baptist and a devoted husband and father, and although he has been closely confined to his room since moving to Shelby, he has won the esteem and sincere regard of all with whom he came in contact.

His remains were taken to Rock Hill this morning for interment at Harmony Baptist church of which he had been a prominent member for 35 years.

It's Strange.

Beef is now selling for 5 cents a pound on the hoof, but how is it around where the steak and the roast come from.

The Atlantic Coast Line hospital at Rocky Mount, was destroyed by fire Wednesday. Twelve patients were saved without injury. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

SOCIAL NEWS

Club Meeting Friday
The 20th Century club will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. S. S. Royster at 4 o'clock.

Y. W. A. Meeting This Afternoon.
Miss Laura Cornwell will entertain the members of the Y. W. A. this afternoon at her home in north Shelby at 4 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Cecelia Music Club To Meet Wednesday.
The Cecelia Music club will convene tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. E. Y. Webb at her home on South Washington street. The hours is 3:30 p. m.

Musical Concert at Boiling Springs March 12th.
A musical concert will be given at B. S. H. S. auditorium on the evening of March 12th at 8 o'clock, assisted by the Dramatic club. A small admission fee of 25 cents will be charged. Proceeds to go for benefit of music department.

The Guild Meets.
The Guild of the Episcopal church met at the home of their president, Mrs. Brooks Price Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. An interesting paper was read on "Evolution" by Mrs. W. P. Hall. Mrs. Vickery read a splendid paper on "Temptation". The hostess at the close of the meeting assisted by her grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Ward, served delicious cream and cake.

The Guild will meet next month, April 2nd, at the home of Mrs. W. P. Hall.

Mrs. Miller Charming Dinner Hostess.
Mrs. A. C. Miller was a charming hostess at a delicious turkey dinner on last Friday at her home on South Washington street the personnel of the guests included a number of Presbyterian ladies in her neighborhood.

Those enjoying this delightful spend-the-day party were Mesdames H. E. Kendall, H. M. Loy, Eliza Ward, S. O. Andrews, J. Frank Jenkins, J. L. Webb, Frank Roberts, W. A. McCord, R. C. Ellis, Jessie Ramsaur and Mary Lou Yarboro.

Miss Fan Barnett to Assist Doughton.
The host of friends of Miss Fan Barnett who has been the private secretary of Congressman Clyde R. Hoey at Washington during his term of office, will be interested to know that she will not return to Shelby soon, as she has decided to assist Representative Doughton for some time.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer yesterday had this to say about Miss Barnett: "Miss Fan Barnett, a bright, clever, sunny Shelbyite who came here as secretary to Mr. Hoey, will help Representative Doughton with his contest. She goes from here to the 8th district to take testimony. Miss Barnett has made hosts of friends here."

Civic Department Meets.

The Civic department of the Women's club met in the court house on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The new, and enthusiastic president, Mrs. L. A. Blanton, presiding. They decided to have the first week in April for "Clean up Week" and want to urge everybody in the city limits to co-operate with them to make Shelby the cleanest, most attractive town in North Carolina. We must make it possible for our town to be boosted by every visitor and let each one join in and beautify our premises for the grand opening of the Cleveland Springs hotel.

This club also decided to plant a long-lived tree in the cemetery, as a memorial for each soldier who lost his life in the world war.

And they most earnestly desire the support of the county commissioners for a rest room for the women visitors who come to our town.

MRS. BROOKS PRICE, Secretary.

Manless Minstrel a Brilliant Success.

The people of Shelby have been entertained in many and varied ways but it is safe to say that never have they been given anything that has been more universally enjoyed than was the "Manless Minstrel" which was staged on last Friday evening at

the graded school auditorium under the auspices of the Literary department of the Woman's club.

The Manless Minstrel was all that the name implies and—then some—and proved an evening of merry jest and laughter. The fact that the personnel of the entire cast was feminine added to the interest of the event and each of the 34 black-faced comedienne proved to be an artist in her own line. Mrs. O. M. Gardner, as the eloquent interlocutress, dressed in style as becoming a personage of her importance in the colored "high life" introduced her cast in order of their importance and first of all came the introduction of the two "end women", Mesdames R. E. Ware and C. R. Hoey, who with their side-splitting antics, snappy jokes and ridiculous costumes were the life of the show. The audience was then introduced to the renowned pianist of the evening, Miss Ayers, and all were almost deceived into believing that old "Blind Tom" was himself there at the piano as those wonderful negro melodies pealed forth.

Miss Beckwith, almost "took the cake" in her specialty dance which proved to be one of the greatest hits of the evening. The "human melo-dion" directed by Mrs. George Hoyle with her magic wand, was indeed great, a perfect symphony in music—and caused many merry laughs.

Miss Lillian Rudasill was indeed the "colored bell" of the evening, bringing down the house in an uproar of applause during her numerous songs, and dances and at the grand finale—the famous and much talked of "cake walk"—which brought the minstrel to a close, she and Mrs. Olin Hamrick were awarded the cake for being the best dancers, but there were others among the eight couples who vied for it that ran them a close second for the prize, and special mention should be made of Miss Selma Webb's dancing during the cake walk.

Little Miss Alice Goode King made a cunning picture as the wee pickinnee of the crowd, and played her little part to a finish.

A bright and very clever little play of one act "The Pink tea" was given just prior to the minstrel and proved another bit of laughter for the audience. Special praise should be accorded Miss Beckwith, who as Mrs. Black, the highbrowed hostess of the Pink tea and her guest, Mrs. White (Miss Mary Hardy) a plain spoken person, were the life of this play.

Misses Eugenia Holland and Dorothy McBrayer need no introduction to a Shelby audience, as they are stage favorites, and on this occasion were especially fine in their comic song "Wish my Color would Fade" sung between acts.

The success of this unique play is due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Oeland Hamrick, chairman of the literary department and Mrs. E. Y. Webb who is chairman of the entertainment committee, who were the promoters of minstrel and who conceived this means of raising funds to secure a noted speaker to come to Shelby at an early date and give a lecture to our people, which will at the same time be both educational and entertaining. While only a nominal sum was charged for admission, the attendance was so large that nearly \$300 was realized.

Chicora Club Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of the Chicora club which was to have convened Friday afternoon of this week with Mrs. Geo. Blanton has been postponed until next Friday, March 18th, on account of this date conflicting with a special meeting which will be held at the Baptist church Thursday and Friday of this week.

Miss Hull Hostess at Week End House Party

Miss Mildred Hull was a charming hostess at a house party for the week end at her lovely home on South Washington street, the personnel of the party included two of her attractive former school mates at Breneau college, Gainsville, Ga., Misses Maud Mae Jesse of Laurens, S. C., and Irma Floyd of Statesburg, Ga., and Messrs. Calvin Teague of Laurens, S. C., and George Cornelison of New Orleans, La., a bright student of Davidson college, and Harry Orr of Charlotte.

Robert Cain, a farmer living near Peru, Indiana, has formed a company with a capital of \$27,000 in which the officers and stockholders are all members of his family. Sons and daughters will, in this way, draw a share of the farm profits every year.

COST OF COMPENSATION

North Dakota Senator Makes Estimate of Expense.

Adjusted compensation for former service men as proposed in the amended house bill formally presented to the senate, will cost between one and a half billion and five and a quarter billion dollars. Senator McCumber, Republican of North Dakota, who has charge of the measure, estimated in his report to the senate.

Senator McCumber said the interest on war loans to the allies would "more than take care of the obligations created by the bill and without any increase in taxes." He expressed the hope that the bill might be passed at this session, but said postponement would not be important, as the plans of compensation proposed would not become effective until January 1, 1923.

Senator Jones of New Mexico, a Democratic member of the finance committee, has introduced three amendments to the bill and urged its immediate passage as an "emergency measure." His amendments proposed appropriations of \$23,000,000 for vocational training and \$100,000,000 for home and farm loans. He also offered an amendment authorizing service men to take up stock grazing homesteads of 1,280 acres.

MAKING GOOD HIS VOW.

Blind Man Whose Sight Was Restored Pledges work for Education.

A vow to work for the betterment of mankind which a blind man swore years ago, should his sight be restored, has resulted in an opportunity for members of ten thousand posts of the American legion to see educational and travel motion picture films, embracing one thousand separate topics, gleaned from all parts of the world.

The blind man who recovered his sight was Dr. Francis Holley, founder and director of the bureau of commercial economics, and his work for the betterment of mankind is the bureau, an altruistic organization the sole aim of which is to advance through motion pictures education and pride in American institutions.

Many years ago, Dr. Holley's career as one of America's pioneer railroad builders was cut short by blindness. For six years he traveled the world over seeking restoration of his sight. When a Paris surgeon gave back his sight Dr. Holley proceeded to carry out his vow and is now giving his whole time and fortune to education through the medium of motion pictures.

The films will be available for all legion posts free of charge. At the instance of legion national headquarters, the bureau has prepared a special catalog in which each film is numbered and described. The catalogs with instructions in regard to places where application may be made will be distributed to every post of the legion, by arrangement between the Bureau of Commercial Economics and the legion.

MR. HOEY RETURNS TO SHELBY LAW PRACTICE

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey's term as congressman expired Friday and he returned to Shelby Sunday, delighted to get back to "Gods country" and to the people he loves so well. He was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Congressman E. Y. Webb when Mr. Webb was made judge of the Federal court of Western North Carolina. He served 14 months and having declined to run again, his term expired March 4th. He will be succeeded in this district by Maj. A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia, who goes to Washington upon the convening of the next congress.

Mr. Hoey was present on the streets yesterday with three yellow jonquils on the lapel of his coat. He wears a flower every day in the year and behind his flower was a smile of satisfaction at being home again. He resumes his law practice and will devote his full time to his profession. His many friends are more delighted than he to have him home again.

A Thought for the day.

A wise choice. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.—Proverbs 22:1.

Inauguration days have always been bad ones for the weatherman. For the Taft inauguration the official forecast said fair and the elements double-crossed the forecaster.

DANIELS HOME TO FIGHT FOR EQUALITY

WELCOMED BY COMMUNITY SINGING

Ex-Secretary of the Navy is at Home and Big Audience Goes to Greet Him.

Raleigh, March 6.—"I have come home to fight", Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy and since yesterday a private citizen of his country told a great audience in the city auditorium this afternoon.

Raleigh honored Mr. and Mrs. Daniels with a community singing and through Col. Albert Cox, for the city, and Dr. Jim Templeton, for the county, welcomed them back home. There was music aplenty and lots of singing, including a song from the pen of a local author entitled, "Joe Daniels, My Joe Dan." It was introduced by a local quartet and drew a furor of applause.

Mr. Daniels and Mrs. Daniels both made short talks. The former paraphrased the Salvation army and assured the Raleighites that "a man may be out but is never down." It was a wealth of friendship that turned out to greet him and the sincerity of the welcome-home appeared well nigh unanimous.

Tomorrow he becomes Editor Josephus Daniels again. For the present, he will take active charge of his morning paper here and through it wage the fight he boldly announced this afternoon he had returned to make. It may begin in a small way but the state will know he is back before long.

A crowd estimated as high as 5,000 packed into the auditorium to greet Mr. Daniels.

"I have not come home from a larger job, but I am back to take up again the greatest work in the world—fighting for the man who has 'unequal opportunity,' said Mr. Daniels. "I lay down an office in which I was privileged to serve during the most critical years of our history. And I served under a great man, the most illustrious man living in all the world today.

"I have come home to fight, to be your comrade, to stand with you for justice and equality of opportunity, to work with you, and to have your love, which I covet above all things."

ARMAMENT RESTRICTION IS WANTED IN JAPAN

Tokio, March 5.—At meetings here of business men, similar to those held in other places, it was decided today to send a cable dispatch to President Harding and U. S. Senator Borah, urging them to use their influence for restriction in armament and also to request the Japanese diet to apply a part of the appropriation for armament to educational and social improvement.

Banqi Muto, chairman of the principal meeting here today, said he feared that the adoption of the budget by the Japanese house of representatives without modification, would cause a reaction in the United States in favor of armament, despite the fact that the country previously was hostile to any increase.

FARMERS AND NIGHT RIDERS HAVE BATTLE

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 6.—A telephone message just received here from Scottsboro, reports that a pitched battle occurred near Steverson, Alabama, last night between night riders and farmers, and that nine men had been arrested and taken to Scottsboro jail.

According to information from Bridgeport, one of the men arrested following the rail last week in the home of Harry MacGowan, had volunteered, if released from jail at Scottsboro to take the officers to the rendezvous of the night riders, but instead led them into an ambush.

Entertainment Called off.

Owing to much sickness and my right arm being crippled, we have postponed our entertainment at Fairview until Friday night following March 5th, 1921. You are cordially invited to attend. M. L. WHITE.

The passage of the migratory bird law has resulted in a saving of \$20,000,000 in food to the United States according to the department of agriculture.