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"What I deem to be an obligation to my country and the issue involved is of such moment that to remain a member of the Cabinet would be unfair to you and to the cause which is nearest my heart, the prevention of war."—Bryan

BRYAN RESIGNS AS CABINET MEMBER

Could Not Endorse Wilson's Last Message to Emperor Bill and Makes Way For Man in Accord With President.

Mr. Bryan's resignation came as a great surprise. If there had been any intimation of such an event it had not appeared in the public press. It has been known for some time that Mr. Bryan and the President differed seriously on the President's ultimatum, which fact no doubt explains the delay in forwarding the final note to Germany. The President and Mr. Bryan were trying to get together it is said. Failing, there was only one manly, true course open to the secretary of State. True, as always, to his convictions he proceeded at once to get out of the way. Following is Mr. Bryan's letter and President Wilson's reply:

Washington, June 8.

My Dear President:

It is with sincere regret that I have reached the conclusion that I should return to you the commission of secretary of state with which you honored me at the beginning of your administration. Obedient to your sense of duty, and actuated by the highest motives, you have prepared for transmission to the German government a note in which I cannot join without violating what I deem to be an obligation to my country, and the issue involved is of such moment that to remain a member of the cabinet would be as unfair to you as it would be to the cause which is nearest my heart, namely, the prevention of war.

I, therefore, respectfully tender my resignation, to take effect when the note is sent, unless you prefer an earlier hour. Alike desirous of receiving a peaceful solution of the problems arising out of the use of submarines against merchant marine, we find ourselves differing irreconcilably as to the methods which should be employed.

It falls to your lot to speak officially for the nation; I consider it to be none the less my duty to endeavor as a private citizen to promote the end which you have in view by means which you do not feel at liberty to use.

In severing the intimate and pleasant relations which have existed between us during the past two years, permit me to acknowledge the profound satisfaction which it has given me to be associated with you in the important work which has come before the state department and to thank you for the courtesies extended.

With the heartiest good wishes for your personal welfare and for the success of your administration, I am, my dear Mr. President,

Very truly yours,
(Signed) W. J. BRYAN.

THE PRESIDENT'S ACCEPTANCE.

The President's letter to Mr. Bryan was as follows:

My Dear Mr. Bryan:

I accept your resignation only because you insist upon its acceptance; and I accept it with much more than deep regret, with a feeling of personal sorrow. Our two years of close association have been very delightful to me. Our judgment has accorded in practically every matter of official duty and of public policy until now; your support of the work and purpose of the administration have been generous and loyal beyond praise; your devotion to the duties of your great office and your eagerness to take advantage of every great opportunity for service it afforded has been an example to the rest of us; you have earned our affectionate admiration and friendship. Even now we are not separated in the object we seek, but only in the method by which we seek it.

It is for these reasons my feeling about your retirement from the secretaryship of state goes so much deeper than regret. I sincerely deplore it. Our objects are the same and we ought to pursue them together. I yield to your desire only because I must, and wish to bid you God-speed in the parting.

We shall continue to work for the same causes even when we do not work in the same way.

With affectionate regard,
WOODROW WILSON.

SPRINGVILLE NEWS NOTES.

Springville, June 9.—The farmers are very busy plowing corn after the good rains.

Rev. John A. Tade closed his revival meeting here Monday night with 13 conversions, also many who had stayed from the fold, but came back.

There was much interest taken in the meeting.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely had 102 present and enrolled. They have a contest for the reds and blues, which is making it very interesting for all.

Mr. Oscar Powers came up from Bluefield Sunday to see his home folks and brought with him Mr. Doak as a guest and spent three days at Springville.

Mr. Walter Harman and his young bride, have been on a visit here to his mother's, Mrs. Charles Harman.

Miss Glenn Fleischman is visiting Miss Annie Wallace at this place.

Miss Annie Wallace and Maybelle

McMullin dined Sunday with the Misses Jones.

Mr. George Wallace, of Lynchburg, has been on a visit to his parents at this place.

Mr. Jesse Harman is on a visit to his mother at this place.

Grandma Wingo is very sick at her daughter's Mrs. Jennie Carter. She is 76 years of age.

Miss Lula Doak, of Bluefield, is spending the week with the Misses Powers, also their little nieces Kate and Elizabeth Powers, of Bluefield.

NORTH TAZEWELL NOTES.

What with the carnival literally in our midst, a cabinet crisis in Washington, the girls coming home from school, and a secret agent of the German embassy taking a list (with Bertillon measurements) of all males between 16 and 75, who dispute the divine right of the submarines to blow up American passengers, we are having a time. And this isn't all. We have just received a report of the committee appointed to "intervene" in the light and water question, which still hangs fire and which resulted Tuesday in the reorganization of the Town Council, and it appears that nothing has been done—that the streets are still on the blink, and the Electric Light and Power and Ice Company still getting along without Whitley water, which "Was-Cott" advertises as the purest in the world.

How all these things can strike a town at once without producing absolute anarchy is due to the firm conviction inbred and ingrained in the inwardness of our people, that life is just one durned thing after another.

But things are not to be mourned over, which would be treating them too seriously, nor grinned at which would be treating them too lightly, but just to be taken as we take our morning toddy, or the news that Billy Sunday has hit the trail again with a \$25,000 check.

We are not without our consolation, however; two of our boys have just returned to us (unexpectedly) from a perilous journey, and two charming girl visitors are in our midst. The girls are Misses Kilgore, of Wise, visiting Mrs. Baker, and Miss Nye, of Radford, visiting her cousin, Miss Cora Britts, and the boys so miraculously returned to us are Garland Peery, (whose welfare just now is a matter of peculiar solicitude), and Bob Morgan, whose absence from the nightly meetings of the society of the Black Cats would be deplored. They went to the commencement of their alma mater at Emory and returned without a scratch.

MRS. TROUT'S SONG RECITAL.

It is not often that Tazewell is offered such a treat as was enjoyed by a goodly audience who gathered in the High School Chapel on Tuesday evening to hear Mrs. John Trout's song recital.

Mrs. Trout presented a programme of interesting variety. She possesses a soprano voice of great range, flexibility and dramatic power, which was shown to especial advantage in "The Cry of Rachel," which she rendered with intense feeling. The audience refused to leave at the close of the programme, insisting upon a final encore to which the singer responded with Nevin's "You Think It But a Rose."

Mrs. Trout is fortunate in having an able accompanist in Miss Bessie Rust, whose sympathetic accompaniments aid in the artist's success.

While in Tazewell, Mrs. Trout was the guest of Mrs. S. C. Graham, who entertained the Woman's Club and Music Club in her honor. She was also the recipient of much attention from other friends and admirers.

AUTO PARTIES PASS THROUGH.

Mack Smith and wife and son, of Pocahontas, and Mrs. Harrison and son and daughter, of Abbs Valley, passed through town Tuesday night enroute from a trip to Radford, having made the trip easily in a Ford.

Colonel J. S. Browning and son, "Buss," also reached this town on the same night, having left Roanoke at 8:15 that morning, and reached here at 10:30, and would have gotten here sooner but for a mud hole this side of Saltville, in which the Hudson got stuck and had to be pulled out by the little Ford.

Colonel Browning and son were mentioned in Tazewell over night and a good part of the day Wednesday. "This is a delightful trip, with one or two exceptions," said the Colonel. "It takes in one of the most beautiful sections of Virginia. From Roanoke through the historic fields of Southwest Virginia, the land of the 'Bovine Aristocrat,' through the salt and the plaster empire to the Eden of America, Tazewell County."

MOTORED TO EMORY.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Shuffelbarger motored over to Emory to attend the commencement exercises, returning on Tuesday. They were advised to go by way of Lebanon, Moccasin Gap, etc., and they did, but went so again until the gap between the points of new road are finished up. They ran into some dreadful road in the west end of Tazewell and in Russell and beyond. They returned by way of Saltville, across Clinch mountain, striking the Macadam at Mr. Jeff Gillespie's. They left Emory at about ten o'clock, and reached Tazewell about 2:30, stopping on the way for lunch. They said the roads are good between Tazewell and Saltville. They brought home their son, Curtis. He has been a student at Emory the past session. He is a bright, young fellow and said to be the image of his mother.

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NEWS OF SHAWVERS MILLS.

Shawvers Mill, June 9.—Mrs. N. C. Davis has returned to her home in West Graham, after a few weeks visit among relatives at this place.

Misses Ada and Mary Hicks have returned home from East Radford, where they attended school during the past winter. We are glad to have them with us for the summer.

Mr. J. T. Neel, a student of the Medical College of Virginia, is spending his vacation with parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Neel.

Rev. J. N. Harman, of Tazewell, filled the regular appointment of Rev. W. S. Bullard Sunday.

Mrs. C. M. Walker, of West Graham, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Shawver, of this place.

Miss Ada Lefel, returned from Bluefield, where she spent several days shopping.

The people of this place mourn the loss of J. R. Kidd, who died on last Saturday, and was laid to rest Sunday in the Shawver Mill cemetery. He is survived by a wife and three children. All join in sympathy for the bereaved family.

THE NEW COUNCIL.

The municipal election was held on Tuesday. Out of about 100 votes only 50 were cast, as follows:

FOR MAYOR:

H. R. Hawthorne, 48

FOR RECORDER:

T. A. Repass, jr., 50

COUNCILMEN:

R. O. Crockett, 50

T. C. Bowen, 50

W. T. Witten, 50

John E. Jackson, 50

J. N. Johnson, 50

C. W. Steele, 49

Three of the above are new members—C. W. Steele, T. C. Bowen, R. O. Crockett. The other three, including the recorder, were re-elected. The Mayor takes the place of J. N. Harman, the former Mayor. The returning administration has given general satisfaction, so far as possible for a Town Council to do. The new council will go into office September 1st.

VISITING IN THE WEST.

Miss Annie McCall left Graham Friday night on No. 3 en route to Oklahoma City, Okla., where she will spend some time on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Forbis.—Gram News in Telegraph.

Miss Annie is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. McCall, former citizens of this town. She graduated this year from the Graham High School with first honors in a class of nine.

SPECIAL VOTES.

ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY, JUNE 13th and 14th. For all purchases of toilet preparations we will give one hundred votes for each 25 cent purchase, and in that proportion.

Also for the entire week, June 13th to 19th, we will give double votes at the soda fountain.

Jackson's Drug Store.

Fine moving pictures tonight and tomorrow night and every night at the Amuse-U.

AN EASY, PLEASANT LAXATIVE.

One or two Dr. King's New Life Pills with a tumbler of water at night No bad, nauseating taste, no belching gas. Go right to bed. Wake up in the morning, enjoy a free, easy bowel movement, and feel fine all day.

Dr. King's New Life Pills are sold by all druggists, 36 in an original package, for 25c. Get a bottle today—enjoy this easy, pleasant laxative.

FEMALE COLLEGES CONSOLIDATE.

Dispatches announced sometime ago that Elizabeth College, of North Carolina and the Roanoke Female College at Salem, both Lutheran institutions, had consolidated, the Elizabeth school merging into the new Salem institution, but retaining its name.

Two is sometimes better than one—sometimes not. Two weak schools are not as efficient as one strong one. The Methodists and Baptists of the State might do worse than to consolidate some of their weaker schools into one strong, well equipped one. The new school at Salem is to become an educational institution of which the denomination and the State may be proud.

UNCLE TOM'S PRAYER.

In 1869, brother Asa Ruth conducted a great revival in the Baptist church in Blountville, Tenn. About 300 of the old-time professed religion at this great meeting. At the close of the meeting the church was turned over to the colored people to hold their revival. One night Uncle Tom Alpin was called on to lead in prayer. I was there and these are his exact words, as I remember them: "Oh, Lord! send thy son on the swiftest horse in Zion. Send him with a peniciler in his hand, that he may scribe on these poor sinners hearts de way dey is gwine down to tarnal struth den. Send him right down thru de ruff of de house, and bless de Lord, I see got de money in my pocket to pay for de shingles."

Poor old Tom! Ignorant as he was and carrying the scars of a cruel master, he had the confidence of all who knew him, and no doubt he is safe with the God he tried to serve, while the man who used to lash him may have a job of firing.

A. M. M.

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and Will Hilt, of Green Valley.

C. T. Briscoe, C. K. Keller, J. L. Brown, J. D. McChesney and John Berry all have new Ford cars, and are taking advantage of the new pike.

J. L. and J. R. Brown returned from a business strip to Knoxville, Tenn.

Last Friday Messrs. A. K. and M. C. Briscoe and Misses Mary Briscoe, and Ida and Annie Hilt, Lettie and Elmer Sprinkle, motored to Abingdon, returning by way of Watauga.

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