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## HE WAS THINKING OF THEM.

Mrs. Robert C. Wickliffe who has been here since last week attending to property interests, has had many callers to express the emotions of a bereavement suffered in common by all his constituents in the death of their beloved congressman, and which can only be directed to a feeling of tenderness for his widow and his only child.

Mrs. Wickliffe says that it was a favorite resort of Mr. Wickliffe, that quiet spot beside the Potomac. Perhaps it reminded him of the dear old Mississippi so far away, but certain it is that he often went there to think out his problems. In this last tragic instance he had gone thither for that purpose. He had come back from Louisiana much depressed by the flood conditions, beset by a sense of failure in the breaking of the levee at Bayou Sara, and entirely absorbed by the problem of what he could do for the benefit of his people. Such thoughts as these were in his mind as he walked beside the placid stream, that fatal morning, as he sat for a few moments beneath the cooling shade of the trees, as he mounted the embankment—his Gogol—seeking a shorter way homeward as was his custom. It is safe to say that his last thoughts, therefore, were of "his people."

His people take those thoughts as a precious legacy, even such as they will ever regard his wife and child. His will, his constant desire to serve them can never be forgotten. A very solemn obligation rests upon them however to fill his place as well as can be done in the circumstances: seeking ability, energy, and that all-important feeling of consecration to the public service that characterizes a true statesman. None other can worthily step into the place of Robert C. Wickliffe.

## NO FEDERAL AID FOR SCHOOLS WANTED.

Discredited at home, his suggestions having less than a feather's weight with this legislature; but with an inward craving for the limelight which he disported during the glad Sanders days that are no more, State Superintendent of Education Thos. H. Harris, emerged from obscurity to suggest at the National Educational Convention at Chicago, this week, that the deplorable condition of rural schools called for Federal help and control. Only a desire to say something he knew not what; to open his mouth at all events, even if he put his foot in it; or a stronger inclination to say something startling and sensational can explain this utterance. If he was emboldened by the present appeal for Federal control of levees to fancy that the doctrine of state's rights is weakened and that the people of the Southern states are also ready to give up all control of their internal affairs, even their schools, for lucre from the national treasury, he is entirely mistaken in the people of the South. Federal control of interstate waterways is right, because no one commonwealth can lay claim to, or have entire management of these streams, but control of the schools is quite a different matter, for reasons, many but too obvious for mention.

The rural schools do need improvement. They have been sadly neglected and scrimped for the sake of the high schools, and other city schools, and of the various "visitors" that abound in the system in Louisiana at least, but humble as these schools are, limited in means and restricted in curriculum, they continue to turn out the great men of the nation.

## THE PARTY PLATFORM.

Characterizing the Republican platform as "apologetic in tone and standpat in tendency throughout," the New York World has prepared the following compendium of the principal features of the platform adopted at Baltimore:

1. A tariff for revenue only; immediate revision downward of existing extortionate rates; trust-controlled products to be put upon the free list.
2. Civil and criminal prosecution of

trusts; new legislation to prevent monopoly and stock-watering; an amendment of the anti-trust law to make it fully effective.

3. Preservation of all the rights and powers of the States in combating commercial and industrial combination and conspiracy; national remedies to be added to and not substituted for State remedies.

4. A demand for the ratification of the amendments providing for the income tax and the popular election of Senators.

5. Publicity for all recommendations upon which presidential appointments are made, for the ownership of newspapers, and for contributions and expenditures in national political campaigns.

6. Presidential primaries and popular election of national committeemen, who are to take office immediately after they are named.

7. The use of moneys at national elections by corporations to be made unlawful.

8. A single term for the President, to which the candidate is pledged.

9. Supervision and rate regulation of railroads, express, telegraph and telephone companies.

10. Revision of the banking laws to prevent the concentration and misuse of money; no government deposits in favored banks; real estate to be accepted as security for a reasonable proportion of national-bank loans.

11. Comprehensive legislation for the improvement of the great rivers and the prevention of floods.

12. No false issue as to the judiciary; as judicial processes may be abused, we must guard them against abuse.

13. Trial by jury in cases of indirect contempt; rigid impartiality in all proceedings involving injunctions, with no prejudice against labor organizations; an independent department of labor; an employees' compensation law.

14. Pure food laws that will not be subordinated to any commercial or financial interest.

15. Comprehensive conservation measures in the public interest, but so drawn and construed as not to abridge the rights of bona-fide settlers.

16. A declaration of the nation's purpose to liberate and recognize the independence of the Philippines under certain conditions.

17. Territorial government for the people of Alaska; legislation to make the Alaskan coal deposits available without monopoly.

18. Encouragement of the merchant marine, but without bounties or subsidies.

19. The establishment of a parcels post or postal express; extension of rural delivery.

20. Equality of all citizens, irrespective of race or creed, with full protection of their lives, rights and property in foreign countries.

21. Exemption from tolls of American coastwise ships passing through the Panama Canal; no use of the canal by ships owned by railroads in competition with the canal.

22. Extension to civil service employees of the benefits of the employer's liability law; no abridgment of their right to petition for redress of grievances.

"This is a wonderful array of promises, most of them in harmony with clearly expressed popular desires often voiced by both parties," says the World. "They bind candidates, of course, but unless they also bind those who make and elect candidates they never will be redeemed.

"We have no doubt that Governor Wilson is duly impressed by the solemn obligations which these pledges impose. That there may be no more betrayals and perfidies like those which have brought Republicanism to shipwreck, we may earnestly commend every item of this compast between organized Democracy and the people to the most serious consideration of all Americans. It is a momentous document.

"If these ideas are to prevail there must be popular as well as official support of them, not casually or spasmodically but devotedly and insistently. If they express the will of the millions it is the business of the millions not alone to elect a president on these issues but to pursue them diligently until they are rooted in law."

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## KILL THE RATS.

The appearance of the bubonic plague at Havana, a point only a short distance from Louisiana with which we have frequent communication, should lead Louisiana people to take every sensible precaution against the means of spreading it. The most common is the rat. What the mosquito is to malaria, and the house fly is to typhoid, the rat is to the bubonic plague.

This is so well known that the first efforts of a threatened country is to rid itself of rats. During California's fight against the plague, and incidental to it, the rats were practically exterminated in that state. Porto Rico is wiping them out now, as fast as a bounty of five cents apiece can do it.

The mere fact that Havana now has one case of bubonic plague, and it is suspected had several previously that had a fatal result, need cause us no worry or particular concern. But it cannot be denied that in the colony of rats, which appears this year to be larger than ever, we have the means at hand of spreading the disease should it be brought here from Havana by some stowaway rat. It would only be wise to start a war of extermination now. They are nuisances and costly nuisances, too, and even if the precautions proved needless we should be the gainers by their extermination.—Lake Charles American Press.

All students of taxation who are keeping informed as to changes being suggested or made in various parts of the world, such as Australia, Germany, Canada and England, know that good results have come from measures designed to relieve industry and the products of industry from part of the burden of taxation, making up the shrinkage by increasing the amount of taxes paid by owners of lands, according to the value of their holdings. The tendency of changes in methods of taxation is away from the plan of treating all classes of property alike, and towards giving taxing districts some option as to how moneys shall be raised. Only recently the Mayor of Boston publicly called attention to the need of a change there; and in Colorado, Oregon and Rhode Island much attention has been given to propositions for local option in taxation.

## CENTENARY COLLEGE REVIVED AT JACKSON.

Jackson, La., July 11.—At a meeting held here Wednesday a board of trustees was appointed and organized to take over the old Centenary College buildings and to start a college here. Rev. J. D. Norris, of Jackson, was elected president of the board; W. A. West, of Norwood, vice president; D. M. Pipes, of Jackson, secretary; and Geo. G. Keller, of Jackson, treasurer.

The school is to be coeducational. It is partly allied with Baptist organizations, and may develop into a Baptist institution. Steps were taken to select a faculty for the purpose of opening school this fall. An agent will be put into the field shortly for the purpose of soliciting students and support. The meeting was attended by Rev. F. C. Flowers and C. T. Alexander and Prof. Wilkinson, of New Orleans.

This revival of educational work here has been brought about by a resolution which was adopted by the present Legislature authorizing the sale of the state's interest in this property to the Methodist Conference which formerly owned and operated Centenary College here, and an agreement on the part of the Meth-

odist Conference to dispose of the property to the people of this community for a definite consideration.

## SUCCESSION OF BERNARD TEUTSCH, DECEASED.

No. 128.  
State of Louisiana, Parish of West Feliciana, 24th Jud. Dist. Court.  
Notice of application for Letters of Administration:

Notice is hereby given to all whom it doth or may concern, to show cause within ten days from the present notification, if any they have or can, why the application of Herman Teutsch praying for Letters of Administration on the Succession of Bernard Teutsch, should not be granted.

Witness the Honorable Geo. J. Woodside, Judge of the 24th Judicial District Court of Louisiana, this 12th day of July, 1912.

E. S. MUSE, Clerk of Court.

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The True Democrat is authorized to announce Hon. H. H. Kilbourne as a candidate for District Attorney of the 24th Judicial District Court, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

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