

FOR THE EX-PRESIDENTS

Carnegie Foundation Fund Provides Pension for Them or Their Widows

Will Not Have to Apply for it, But Will Be Offered at Expiration of Term—This May Induce Congress to Provide a Pension—Mrs. Harrison Thinks the Government Should Make Provision.

New York, Nov. 21.—Following a meeting of the trustees of the Carnegie Foundation held in the room of Andrew Carnegie to-day it was announced that it had been decided to offer pensions to the future ex-Presidents of the United States and to the unmarried widows of ex-Presidents.

The offer will be made to those entitled to it without application being made to the foundation. Under the terms of the announcement President Taft, when he retires on the fourth day of next March, will be offered \$25,000 by the Carnegie corporation.

The question of making provision for our ex-Presidents has been one widely discussed with the suggestion Congress pass a law providing them with pensions.

The action taken to-day, however, is the first definite step looking to their financial independence after leaving office.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 21.—Owing to the personal connection of a \$25,000 pension such as Andrew Carnegie proposes for former Presidents and their widows Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, wife of the late President, to-night refused to discuss the matter.

However, in discussing pensions for former Presidents, she declared she was in sympathy with the Government plan to provide for them.

Mrs. Harrison said: "I believe that former Presidents should devote their lives to the service of the Nation and the Government—should provide a pension for them. General Harrison was properly called upon for service and at a sacrifice of his own time."

Congress May Make Provision.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.—As the result of an announcement by the Carnegie Corporation that twenty-five thousand dollar pensions would be offered each future ex-President of the United States, the movement is expected in the approaching Congress to induce Congress to provide a pension. Feeling is against having the ex-Presidents pensioned from a private fund. It is regarded as "undemocratic." Senator Culberson, Democratic leader, is one of the opponents to the Carnegie plan.

ROOSEVELT IN 1916.

Doesn't Think Wilson Can Carry Out Pledges and That Four Years Will End Democratic Control in the Nation.

Editor The Caucasian:—I would like to notify the farmers and the tax-payers of all trades and callings through your good paper to take special notice of the present great prosperity as now existing and also to take special notice of how it will be under the Wilson Democratic administration. This will be a case of testing the pudding by tasting of it, and no intelligent man need to make the least mistake about such testing; and I hope all will so test the Democratic party during the next four years and let it burn deeply in their minds. The Democrats has made fine promises during the recent Presidential campaign, promising to reduce the high cost of living without busting anybody's business.

Now, take the farmer first: how can they give the consumer cheap cotton, cheap corn, cheap meat, and cheap food stuffs without cheapening the prices of his products? They just can't do it and they know they cannot. Take the lumber man. And when the two dollars tariff is taken off the lumber, reducing his profits, will he not be sure to reduce wages to make the same profit as before?

They told us in their campaign speeches that these various business bosses were putting the tariff accursed dollars in their pockets. Now, how will they compel these bosses, or heads of any enterprise, to divide their profits with their hired help who puts the big profits in their possession by their faithful labor? How will they make a law to force a boss of any kind to deal square and give his laborers a sufficient share of his profits to make him and his wife and children comfortable? If morality, religion, or humanity will not do it, it will be hard to compel them by law unless they adopt Socialist measures (and do they intend to do that?) making an equal division of the property of the country to all the inhabitants of same. Our Democratic friends have got a white elephant on their hands, and just watch them wrestle with him.

Yes, it will be an impossibility for them to fulfill half of the promises they made to the people. Have they not had full control of our State for twelve or fifteen years; and how have they bettered things for the tax-payers in North Carolina you all know?

Now, if they make the same change in the general Government as they have in the State of North Carolina, the Lord have mercy on the tax-

payers' souls. But as I said in the outset, just watch them, and put it down for fear you will forget it by another Presidential campaign and be induced to vote another Democratic ticket then. The fact is, our Democratic friends have been out of office in the Nation for a long time and they want to get the public swirl troughs. This interests them far more than benefiting the common people. Many of my Democratic friends solemnly pledged me on election day who voted for Wilson, that if he did not correct things, or make it better for the people,—farmers especially, for they were farmers—that they would vote the Bull Moose ticket the next Presidential election. I fear they will have occasion to vote that Bull Moose ticket, for I verily believe, and so prophesy, that that party's mission is designed to bring about one of the greatest reforms and greatest needs of our American people. It presents the olive branch to both factions of the old war prejudiced people of both North and South, East and West.

This Progressive party is the Joshua to take up the cause of the people where Moses, the Republican administration, has failed to obey, or serve all the people with equal justice and fairness; but like Moses, the Republican party did do a great work in liberating thousands of shackled slaves from bondage, together with many other good things; but as every dog has his day, or every reform and invention have a partial end by reason of better things learned by men, so sensible men reject the old adopt the new, and better things. This is in keeping with common sense. But the fool refuses to make a change, and sticks to the old habits and customs of his ancestors.

Mr. Editor, my precinct at Weeksville, N. C., gave Roosevelt a good majority over both Taft and Wilson, and would have given the same in many more places but for the great array of able Democratic speakers who were promised good jobs to defeat Roosevelt and Taft at any cost on any yarn they could hatch up, and they did not fail to do their part in the yarn business; and I am sorry to say that many of our people who were not informed, took them at their word and walked up to the polls on election day and cast their votes straight, but many of the more informed or less prejudiced Democrats cast their votes for Roosevelt and the Bull Moose ticket. Mr. Roosevelt, with all the opposition against him, made a wonderful run, and all the Progressives everywhere are cheerful and hopeful for the success of the Progressive party in four years from now, for it is generally conceded by all intelligent men that Mr. Wilson cannot redeem the promises he has made to the people, and should he fail to do so, and even hold the present prosperity intact, he would not be entitled to re-election, for he has solemnly pledged his faith that he will improve the conditions of the country, give to the working thousands cheaper food, cheaper clothes (and he ought to have added, cheaper wages). He has promised also to not interfere with legitimate business of any kind, but to promote it.

Now, in conclusion, I want to repeat, yet, to burn it in the minds of every liberty-loving tax-payer, to watch the result of the incoming Democratic administration and see how they come up.

THOMAS MEADS.
Weeksville, N. C., Nov. 22, 1912.

STATE-WIDE DEBATING UNION.

So Far Forty-Three Schools Have Joined the Debating Union Which Was Launched at the University.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Nov. 25, 1912.

—The movement launched by the literary societies of the University of North Carolina a few weeks ago to form a State-wide debating union of the high schools of North Carolina has thus far met with admirable success. The plan which provides for the formation of a network of schools for stimulating debating in the secondary schools has already been responded to by forty-three representative schools of the State. The list includes the high schools of Raleigh, Charlotte, Salisbury, Statesville, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Washington, Hendersonville, Oxford, Lenoir, and other foremost schools in the State. The committee promoting this debating union have been active in arranging the query to be debated, the prize that is to be awarded, and other technicalities towards making the union a thorough-going one. The prize, nominally the "Aycock Memorial Cup," will be a contribution of the local chapter of the Tau Kappa Alpha debating fraternity, which chapter is composed of inter-collegiate Carolina debaters.

The debating union of the University has recently consummated plans for a triangular debate, during the month of April, between the universities of North Carolina, Virginia, and Johns Hopkins. Any new schedule of debates by the University of North Carolina recounts its notable achievements in the field of debate. In the sum total of thirty debates with noted universities from Pennsylvania to Louisiana, Carolina has lost only nine. This is a record unsurpassed in Southern universities.

In a race contest held by the track department of the University last Wednesday, a member of the freshman class won the medal as the swiftest mile-clipper against seven

competitors. The winner made the mile run within 4:58 3-3 of time.

Rev. Lewis S. Chafer, of the Schofield Bible School, of New York City, has during the past week conducted a Bible Institute in the Presbyterian Church of Chapel Hill.

MISS ADDAMS WINS FIGHT.

Officers of the American Woman Suffrage Association Can Take Part in Partisan Politics—National Suffragette Meeting at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 23.—Officers of the National American Woman's suffrage Association can take part in partisan politics in any State if they want to. After a spirited debate at to-day's session of the organization's convention an amendment prohibiting such participation was overwhelming defeated.

Up to the time Miss Jane Addams seconded the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt in the Progressive convention at Chicago it had been the unwritten rule in the association that officers should hold aloof from partisan politics except in States where women had the right to vote. The proposed amendment, it was declared, was aimed at Miss Addams and she accepted the challenge and fought the proposition with vigor.

Miss Addams Speaks.

"First of all," began Miss Addams, when she rose to speak on the subject, "I want to apologize if I have done anything wrong, or if I have injured the association in any way. When I joined the association and when I was elected vice-president, I did not know that it was pledged politically. I do not know I must limit myself."

"I think that matters of this kind should be left to the judgment of the person. I think you should keep your politics one thing and your suffrage another. On the campaign tour this summer, it is true that I talked suffrage. It was the grandest opportunity I ever had to talk suffrage. You cannot get them to come to a lecture on suffrage but I talked to audiences of from ten to fifteen thousand men."

"In the middle of the campaign I received a letter from President Taft

about some charitable association. I did not notice any difference in this letter from others because I had talked politics this summer. I did not go up and down the country abusing candidates. I told the men what I had to say, and gave them something new to think about in the way of suffrage."

Wilson Man Commits Suicide, Believing He Had Killed Another.

Wilson, N. C., Nov. 25.—Believing that he had killed a man and that the officers would be hot on his trail in a few hours, Jesse Boykin brooded all night Saturday night at his home here, and about sunrise blew his brains out with a shot-gun. The man he thought he had killed in a quarrel the night before has only a wound in the hand.

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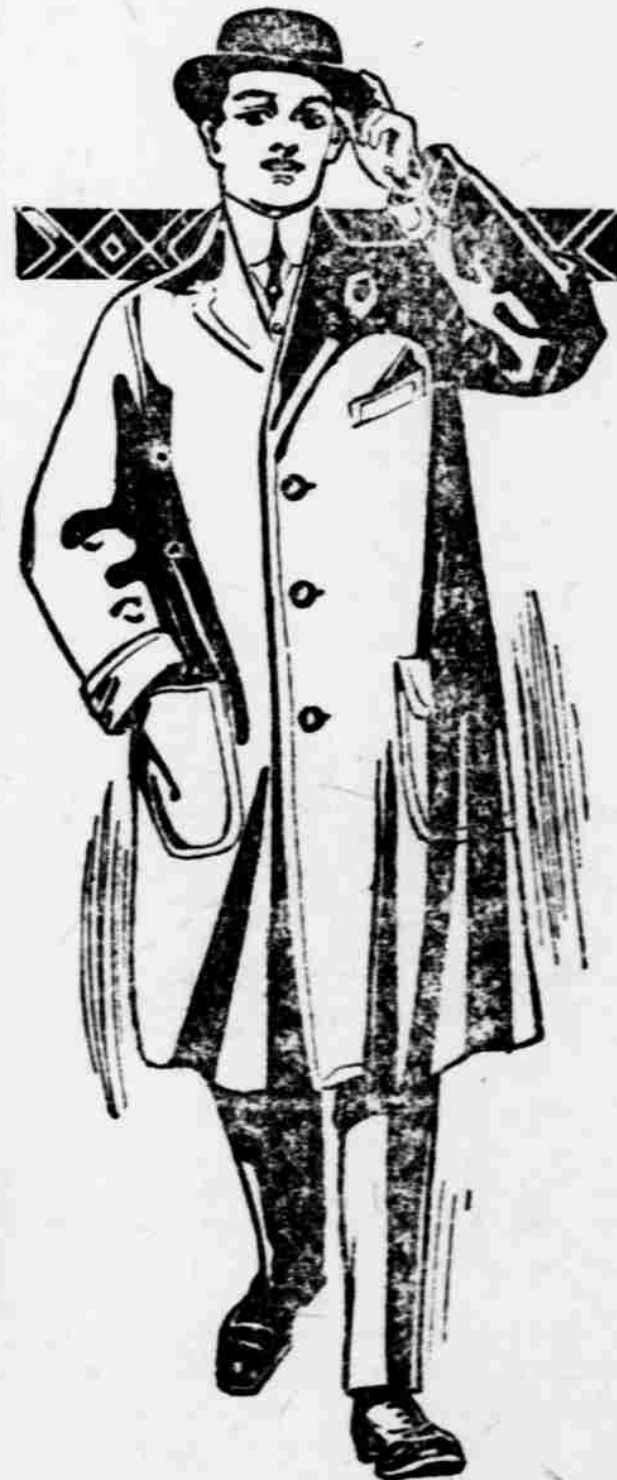
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