

# WEEKLY LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

## SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND GENERAL NEWS ITEMS GATHERED IN THE CAPITAL CITY.

(Special Correspondence of the COUNTY RECORD.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12:—

It positively is astounding to people here in Washington who know President Roosevelt, at short range, to read about his popularity in the country at large, and the farther away the more popular he seems to be. There must be something in that saying that "distance lends enchantment to the view." The closer you get to the man the less you will like him, for I do not know of one lovable trait he possesses, although he catches many men by his impulsive ways of doing things. He impulsively tells one man that he will do what is wanted of him, but the minute the man's back is turned and the man who does not want that thing done gets his ear, he just as impulsively goes back on what he said to the other man, and tells the second man that it shall be as he wishes. Thus, he is all things to all men and nothing very long.

He has made grandstand plays about doing things that the people wanted, but name one thing he has done or advocated that has been of any practical benefit to the people, and I will name you a number that he has advocated and done that have been or would have been a detriment to the interest of the people. What good, so far, has the railroad rate bill been to the consumers and shippers of the country?

Every suit that has been brought against the combinations or the railroads, has been brought through the Elkins law or the Sherman anti-trust law, two laws that were on the statute books before the enactment of the railroad rate law and simply had never been enforced.

The people of this country have got the idea into their heads that Mr Roosevelt is after the rich, the predatory rich, and that he is giving them a taste of the big stick. Well, he is not hurting them so bad as he is the people who are dependent on the growth of the railroads and their expansion and their ability to haul the crops to market. Mr Roosevelt did not hesitate to take the money of the predatory rich, during the last presidential campaign, when he was cheek by jowl with the whole bunch of them, hobnobbing with them as to the best way to win the election. However, he turns on them and, in order to make a grandstand play, he asserts that he is going to do things to them which scares capital into hiding and the railroads cannot borrow any money to make extensions or build new lines that are needed to haul the commerce of the country.

Regulation and control of railroads is all right. It is Democratic policy and Democratic doctrine stolen by a Republican administration to make it popular, and its popularity to-day is based on policies, doctrines, and ideas stolen from the Democratic platform. The Democratic platform, however, never advocated confiscation of property, or tried to wield the big stick to scare capital off the face of the earth. That is what Roosevelt has done in order to create a little cheap popularity.

You can take my word for it, the veneer will be washed off this political tin deity before his term expires and the people will know him as do the correspondents in Washington and the members of Congress. He has not a dozen friends in Congress, on either side of the political fence, but they are afraid to say their soul is their own, on account of the patronage stick he wields. They, also, are playing the political game, and they dare not express their honest opinions. If they had the courage to do so, they would be astounded to know that four-fifths of the men to whom they express themselves would agree with them, and thus the so-called popularity of the President would vanish like thin smoke. It is this servile sycophancy of the members of congress that maintains the pop-

ularity of the president out in the country, added to the servility of the daily press of the country in giving circulation to all the ideas and schemes hatched in the white house. Whenever he wants to head off some one or some-thing that interferes with his plans; whenever he wants to get to the people with a grandstand play, he sends down for a bunch of newspaper correspondents for the papers that slobber on him and has them up to the white house. Then he pats them familiarly on the back and tells them in a heart to heart talk what he wants to get before the people, always making them write the matter in the third person and never quote him.

He then is in position to deny anything that may come out that is not pleasing to him, which he does with a flourish of trumpets and thereby adds new members to his Ananias Club. He cannot and does not fool a lot of the older correspondents here. They have looked in his trunk and they know him. But it is very flattering to the young correspondents to have the President of the United States pat them on the back and call them "old boys," and tell them what they believe to be the innermost secrets of the White House. They all go away and print the story, thus heading off the story as it should have been told in the interest of the truth.

Everybody sees the same story in the papers all over the country, and they believe it to be true, else why should all the papers have printed it simultaneously. The man who could have told the truth about the matter has no show. He does not occupy the position of President of the United States, and if he were to come out with the truth the people would not believe him. So, what's the use, as the skunks said to one another when they smelt an automobile as it passed them on the road.

### A Pleasant Outing.

The local correspondent of the News and Courier thus graphically describes a very pleasing affair which took place last Friday afternoon, May 10:

This afternoon Mr Louis Jacobs, chairman of the board of trustees of the graded school, entertained the faculty of the school, the young ladies of the graduating class and a few specially invited guests, with a delightful sail down the river in Mr C Constine's new motor boat, the "Mercedes." The merry party boarded the launch at the bridge and were soon speeding away towards the Georgetown line, if not with a full sheet, at least with a sea that followed fast. During the evening a refreshing course of cream and cake was served, while the beautiful reaches of Wee Wee echoed to the merry laugh and lilting song. About dark the party returned in high good humor with themselves after giving Mr Jacobs a vote of thanks for a most delightful evening.

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## MATTERS OF INTEREST NOTED AT SCRANTON.

### LADIES TO GIVE BAZAAR—VISITORS COMING AND GOING—PERSONAL NOTES.

SCRANTON, May 14:—The Ladies' Sewing Circle of Scranton will give a bazaar at Mr R E McKnight's store on Railroad street Friday evening, May 24, beginning at 4 o'clock p m and lasting until 10 p m. There will be many valuable and handsome homemade articles for sale. Music and refreshments will be provided.

A silk quilt will be awarded to the most popular lady and a satin sofa pillow to the most popular gentleman present. Votes will cost only one cent each. The aim is to raise enough money to erect a fountain on the school-house grounds and every body is cordially invited to attend. So come along and enjoy the evening, and if you haven't any pennies don't let that keep you away. Bring along your friends and a few dollars and we will make the change.

Dr and Mrs Chas H Pate entertained quite a number of their friends at their lovely little home on Railroad street Friday evening, May 10, in honor of Miss Rosa Tallavast of Doek, S C, who was Mrs Pate's room-mate while at college. Miss Tallavast is a very handsome young lady and has made many friends here. She will leave for her home tonight.

Mr Douglas Singletary of Cowards has accepted a position as salesman with Dr C H Pate. We welcome him to our little town.

Several of the old soldiers of this section attended the Veterans' reunion at Columbia last week. Also a number of them attended the Memorial day exercises at Kingstree last Friday. They seem to be delighted with the bouquets of beautiful flowers given to them in Kingstree.

Mrs Margaret Pate, an aged lady of Hannah, Florence county, who has been troubled for the past six months with her eyes and for four months has been totally blind, was taken to Charleston Sunday night for treatment by her attending physician, Dr W S Lynch; but after Dr Parker made a thorough examination he found that no good could be done by an operation and she was brought back to Scranton Monday night.

Mr R E McKnight went to Charleston on business one day this week.

Mr E M Lowman, cashier of the bank of Scranton, spent Friday in Timmons ville with his parents.

John G Singletary, formerl. of

this place but now of Effingham, was in town Monday.

Mr Willie Askins of Lake City was in town between trains Monday.

Mr R F McKnight of Charleston spent Sunday in town with parents and friends.

Mr Eugene Baskins of Timmons-ville was seen on our streets today.

Mr and Mrs W Wright spent a few days in Columbia last week.

Mrs J A Gaunt of Florence is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs P A Parker, at this place.

Mrs S O Byrd and children are visiting friends and relatives in Florence this week.

Engineer Tom B Cole and wife, accompanied by their little daughter, Irmal, of Savannah, Ga., spent several days in town recently with Mr and Mrs N M Graham and other relatives here. They left Sunday for Indiantown where they will spend a few days with Sheriff G B Graham before they return home.

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