

WOODROW WILSON MAY OCCUPY PEW USED BY LINCOLN

Presbyterian Church on New York
Avenue, Washington, Probably Will
Be Attended by Next Executive.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Since the announcement, a fortnight ago, that President-elect Wilson and his family will in all likelihood attend either the Presbyterian church of the Covenant, or the New York avenue Presbyterian church, little else has been discussed in church circles here, where the particular church to be honored for four years of the chief executive of the nation is always a matter of interest.

Mr. Wilson is the son of a Presbyterian clergyman, and an elder in the Presbyterian church of Princeton, N. J.

It is believed here that there is scarcely a doubt that Mr. Wilson will settle on the New York avenue house of worship. This is because of its nearness to the White House, its remarkable history as the "church of the presidents," as it is known, and because of the fact that the Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe its pastor for seventeen years, is so intimately wound up in national and Presbyterian life.

If Mr. Wilson does attend this church in all probability he will occupy the "Lincoln pew," used by President Lincoln during his whole life of illustrious statesmen and foreign visitors since.

The pew is on the right hand side of the middle aisle, about six seats from the pulpit. On its end is a small tablet of silver reading, "Abraham Lincoln, 1861-1865." At present Mrs. Radcliffe occupies it.

At the one hundredth anniversary of the "church of the presidents," which was celebrated nine years ago, Mr. Roosevelt, then president, sat in this pew and later made an address standing in it, in which he said in part:

"A man would be a poor citizen of this country if he could sit in Abraham Lincoln's pew and not feel the solemn sense of the associations borne in upon him, and I wish to thank the people of this church for that reverence for this historic past, for the sense of historic continuity which has made them keep this pew unchanged. I hope it will remain unchanged in this church so long as our country endures. This evening I sit in this pew of Abraham Lincoln, together with Abraham Lincoln's private secretary, who, for my good fortune, now serves as secretary of the state in my cabinet."

National Tone to Services.

There is a national tone to every service held in the old-fashioned, steeples, red brick edifice, only two and one-half blocks from the White House, which has been the place of worship of more presidents than any other church here.

Dr. Radcliffe prays for "President William Howard Taft" by name; also the senate, congress and other public officials, "that they will give us righteous legislation." The church has its own special hymn, which is sung every Sunday morning. This is the Russian national anthem adapted to the words, "Give Peace in Our Time, O Lord."

Dr. Radcliffe, while he does not preach partisan politics, never hesitates to speak out on any question wherein he thinks a moral issue is involved. In his centennial sermon he said: "In the large and comprehensive sense, politics must be preached; and large duties of citizenship, the absolute obligations of patriotism, especially in times of necessity and peril, must be preached in the faithful message of Christ."

Dr. Radcliffe has been the close friend of both the occupants of the White House since he has been in Washington and so close is he to President Taft that the present chief executive invites him over to his private office for a consultation on any government matter which affects the churches or foreign missions. Mr. Taft calls Dr. Radcliffe "Our John Knox." When the two men are together, as is often the case, Mr. Taft invariably wraps his arm about Mr. Radcliffe.

One of the closest friends Dr. Radcliffe ever had was the late Justice John M. Harlan, who during all the years he was in Washington was an elder in the "Lincoln Church" and the teacher of a large Bible class. Senator Frye and Senator Elkins were other prominent parishioners and personal friends of Dr. Radcliffe. The minister's friends here say that Dr. Radcliffe is too prominent in himself ever to be known as a "Wilson pastor." Rather may Mr. Wilson be called "Radcliffe's parishner."

The Presbyterian church honored Dr. Radcliffe with highest office by electing him moderator of its general

assembly in 1895. He is now a member of its executive commission and moderator of the Presbyterian synod of Baltimore. He is a delegate to the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance, which will meet in Aberdeen, Scotland, next summer.

There is no clergyman in this city more active in movements for its moral uplift. For years he has been chairman of the Sabbath observance committee, and with him have worked Roman Catholic priests as well as pastors of protestant communions. Dr. Radcliffe has long been prominent in the movement to get more chaplains appointed for the army and navy. Seldom is there a convention in town that it is not Dr. Radcliffe that is called upon to offer prayer.

Eight Presidents Worshipped There.

If Mr. Wilson does decide to go to New York Avenue church he will be the ninth president who has been in attendance there. The other eight were John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William Henry Harrison, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, and before his presidency Mr. Benjamin Harrison. After his election Mr. Harrison went to the Church of the Covenant, which is a child of the New York Avenue church. The latter is the oldest church in the city.

President Pierce and his wife attended church twice every Sunday. He and Mrs. Pierce also entertained the Sabbath school at a special party in the White House. Andrew Jackson withdrew because of a disagreement with the then pastor, the Rev. John N. Campbell, due to the Peggy O'Neal episode. The pastor undertook to challenge the presidential pew holder. The president left the church. Mr. Campbell was later called to Albany, N. Y.

It was the Rev. Dr. Phineas Dr. Gurley who was pastor of the church when Mr. Lincoln attended it. It is well known that the latter never made a formal public profession of religion. In the church, however, it is known that he wanted to do so, but desisted because of the misinterpretation which would be placed upon it while he was president. Not only did Mr. Lincoln worship every Sunday, but he was a frequent attendant at the weekly prayer meetings, coming in a back door and sitting quietly in a back pew, so as not to attract attention. Mr. Lincoln used to say the reason he liked to hear Dr. Gurley was "because he didn't preach politics," meaning partisan politics.

Mr. Lincoln Consulted Him.

Dr. Gurley was in frequent council with Mr. Lincoln. He knelt in prayer at the bedside of the dying president; he delivered the eulogy in the east room of the White House; he accompanied the body to its burial place at Springfield, and on the way wrote the hymn that was sung on that occasion.

One of the pastors of the church said, "I had rather sit in that pew if it were made of mud and dirt than in one of beaten gold; it will be an influence of patriotism for our children and our children's children." When the church was repewed in 1887 the retention of the pew used by Mr. Lincoln was mildly urged, but its dark color brought a quick decision. Many thought it would be incongruous and offensive in contrast with the new oak pews. A patriotic insistence from a feminine source installed it in one of the Sunday school rooms, where it remained for years. Charles W. Bailey, an elder, presented the resolution to the annual meeting of the church in 1893 recommending that the pew be put back in the church. This was adopted, but only after considerable delay. The tablet was placed on it through the generosity of Charles B. Pearson.

Little "Willie" Lincoln was a member of this Sunday school. He was very fond of Dr. Gurley. Later that clergyman was present at the child's deathbed. "Willie" expressed to him that the contents of his little iron bank be given to the missionary society. Not long afterward Mrs. Lincoln turned over the money to Dr. Gurley. The pastor presented it to the school in these words:

"Willie" Lincoln wanted the missionaries to have the money from his little iron bank. "Willie" will never come to our meetings again. He has gone to live with God in His beautiful home above. May you all, yes, every one of you, meet him there."

OKLAHOMA NEW SIN BRIEF.

Captain S. W. Parrish of Beaumont, Tex., has disposed of a half interest in 800 acres of production with 45 wells, to the Gypsy Oil company. Consideration \$100,000.

Yesterday was "Farmers' Day" in Tulsa county. Under the auspices of J. P. Harter, government demonstrator in agriculture, meetings were held at many points in the county.

The following stenographers have been selected by a committee of the senate to serve during the regular session: W. R. Le Compte, Euld; Marcus W. Truett, Oklahoma City; Miss Catherine B. Pierce, Oklahoma City; Miss Irma R. Krause, Pawnee; Miss Cleo Anderson, Oklahoma City, and Miss Blanche Neff, Gage.

BLOODLESS WAR IN DELEWARE CO.

Old Jay Defenders Force Thirty Deputy
Sheriffs to Withdraw—None
Are Injured.

Grove, Okla., Dec. 15.—Encouraged by the arrival in Delaware county of Adjutant General Frank M. Canton, Sheriff Thomason assembled his force of thirty deputies Saturday night, and, under cover of darkness, approached to within a quarter of a mile of "old" Jay, where the county records are guarded by an armed force of "old" Jay partisans.

Hastily improvising fortifications in front of the town, Thomason sent one-half of his force to approach from the opposite side of the town. When the defenders learned of the advance upon the court house, they prepared to give battle and in the long distance fight which was waged for a few minutes, more than one hundred shots were fired, but, according to the report received here, no one was seriously injured, owing to the guarded positions of the combatants, the darkness and long range. Believing they were too greatly outnumbered to rush the town, the attacking party withdrew.

Although this battle took place Saturday night, the first news did not reach Grove until early Sunday morning, owing to the fact that all telephone wires leading from Jay were cut. News that the county seat fight had developed to a point of using fire arms, therefore, was brought overland by a mounted messenger.

When informed of the report of a pitched battle at old Jay, Governor Cruce stated Sunday night that he had received no official word from the seat of trouble for several days and that he had heard nothing of the reported engagement Saturday night. He said that so many conflicting stories concerning the Delaware county seat fight had reached him during the last week that he was unable to satisfy himself upon the real status of the trouble and in order to be reliably informed of the necessity of intervention by himself and the sending of state troops to the seat of trouble, he had dispatched Adjutant General Frank M. Canton to Delaware county Friday night with instructions to report to him, but with no authority to take action.

Members of the state militia in service uniform were to be seen about the streets of Oklahoma City Sunday, but Governor Cruce said he knew nothing about these as he had issued no orders for any to get ready to leave.

WHISKEY MEN FEAR SLEUTH

Temperance Union Man is Paid to
"Clean Up" Two Counties.

Bartlesville, Okla., Dec. 13.—That a persistent and systematic campaign against bootleggers in Washington and Nowata counties is to be inaugurated is the announcement following the advent here recently of S. G. Crosswait of St. Louis, secretary of the National Temperance union, who is said to be a sleuth of the Burns carat in following up violations of the liquor laws.

Already, it is claimed, Crosswait has secured enough evidence to convict every bootlegger in Nowata county, and is asking the court of Nowata county to have a special judge appointed to prosecute the cases. Former County Judge Van Leuven has been retained to prosecute the cases and the evidence is being compiled.

Crosswait is not an enforcement officer, but a detective, and his operating system is not very different from that of "Pussyfoot" Johnson of Anti-Saloon league fame. He has others purchase the booze, then labels the exhibits, giving names, time and place purchased and other necessary data.

That local bootleggers are in genuine fear of this man is evidenced by the tightness of the lid, it being difficult to secure enough Bacchanalian tonic to cure a bad cold.

OKLAHOMA NEWS IN BRIEF.

Frank B. Long, Indian agent for the Tulsa district, has resigned to enter the oil business. George M. McDonald of Muskogee succeeds him.

The government sale of unallotted Indian lands closed at McAlester Saturday. The total receipts during the sale were nearly \$200,000.

Porter Carmichael, an oil man, who was injured on a lease south of Sapulpa, died of his injuries. The body was taken to Muncie, Ind., for burial.

The reappearance of spinal meningitis in Oklahoma has caused the health department to caution local health officers to report promptly all suspected cases.

The Bartlesville Water Company has appealed to the supreme court from the 1912 valuation of \$100,000 placed on its plant by the state board of equalization.

Mrs. Iffram Stam, aged 28, brooding over fancied wrongs, hanged herself from a tree at her residence four miles west of Garber, Okla. The body was found by her husband a short time later.

Will Redding of Porum was arrested at Muskogee in connection with the killing of Charley McClure of Porum. This is the third arrest made in the Porum feud district during the last ten days.

The shops and foundry of the Oklahoma Iron Works at Tulsa are under police guard to prevent a clash between striking union workmen and non-union strikebreakers who are filling the 200 vacancies.

Representatives of cities having commission form of government probably will meet at Oklahoma City early during the legislative session for the purpose of adopting plans for better administration.

Inaugural ceremonies accompanying the installation of James Burnette Eskridge formerly of Fort Worth, Tex., as president of the Oklahoma College for Women, will take place here December 16. State Superintendent Robert H. Wilson will preside.

District Judge R. C. Allen has called at Muskogee a special session of the grand jury for next Thursday to investigate charges of misconduct of city and county officials. "Loan sharks" and the Porum feud cases also are to be investigated.

Vital statistics for October just compiled by the Oklahoma health department show that typhoid fever leads in the number of cases and fatalities. There were 384 cases and fifty deaths. Diphtheria was second with 147 cases and sixteen deaths. The number of births reported was 2,722; deaths, 705.

An echo of the robbery of the Bank of Bixby a year ago was heard when J. F. Crowe of Bixby, who captured Ots Lee, the man who turned state's evidence and implicated Sam Owens, now doing five years for this crime, brought suit against the National Surety company for \$500 reward.

The presidents of the six normal schools of the state are meeting at Oklahoma City for the purpose of compiling data showing comparative efficiency and cost of operation of Oklahoma institutions with those of Kansas, Texas, Missouri, Nebraska and other states. The information compiled will be used in combating the campaign inaugurated by the governor to reduce the number of state normal schools from six to two or three.

GOOD ROADS PLAN FOR CRAIG COUNTY

Big Convention Here January 6, Promises to Be Grand Success—Vinita Business Houses to Close.

It is gratifying to every good roads advocate in the city to note the interest that has been shown in the movement to organize a Craig County Good Roads Association here on January 6. Nearly every business man in the city has signed the roll of membership and is boosting the big convention here January 6, when the farmers from every section of the county will be invited to come here to hear D. Ward King lecture on good roads and give a demonstration of the practical use of the split-log drag. It is proposed on that day to close up all business houses for a time and give every citizen of the city and county an opportunity to learn something of the value of road improvement and to become a member of the organization, which will have for its purpose the ultimate improvement of every road in the county.

The roll of membership is being circulated among the business men of the city for signatures. The petition is so worded that the signer indicates his willingness to become a member of the association and work for the improvement of country roads. Every one who signs the roll will have a voice in the big convention to be held January 6, at which time the future work of the association will be outlined. The only thing done by the association so far is the movement to bring D. Ward King to this city. Let nothing keep you away from this good roads meeting and tell your neighbor to do likewise. This is a movement in which all are interested and it should be made a big success.

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Health Department Urges Movement
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Oklahoma City, Dec. 14.—The enactment of a law prohibiting the distribution of free medicine samples is asked in the annual report made by the pure food and drug division of the state health department to Governor Cruce. Sanitary inspection by the pure food and drug department of all places where food is prepared, manufactured or sold, is recommended, together with supervision of dairies and live stock for slaughter.

The report asks that the annual appropriation for inspection work be increased from \$10,000 to \$18,000.

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