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Gen. Ransom's Wealth.

Weldon News.
Gen. M. W. Ransom has sold to the Cummer Lumber Company, of Norfolk, Va., the timber from about 2,600 acres of land lying in Northampton county, for \$40,000 cash. General Ransom also has large bodies of timber lands in Halifax county, but this is not included in the deal. He also has on hand \$30,000 worth of cotton, which is equivalent to so much cash, as the cotton has been baled and is ready for the market.

Gen. Ransom is one of the few rich men who believes in investing his wealth in lands thus bearing a large proportion of the taxes of the State and also giving employment to a number of people. He could easily invest in U. S. bonds and thus avoid paying taxes, but he loves his native State too well for that and delights in farm life. He is the largest land owner in the State.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

Major Lee, who has been the personal representative of Gen. Miles before the Court of Inquiry, made a speech summing up the evidence taken during the inquiry that any lawyer might have been proud of. He showed that every allegation made by Gen. Miles has been fully sustained by good evidence, but if the Algerites are correct in their outline of the report, which the court will make in a few days, probably this week, the evidence is to be ignored; Alger and Egan whitewashed, and Gen. Miles and the officers who dared to tell the truth about the beef furnished the army, censured. If that sort of a report is submitted, a wave of indignation is likely to sweep over this country that when compared with that which followed the whitewashing of Alger by the War Commission, will be as a tornado to a summer zephyr. The people of this country have decided this case on the evidence, and if Mr. McKinley is unwise enough to allow his friendship for Algerism and his dislike for Gen. Miles to cause him to use his official influence to get a report contrary to the evidence, so much the worse for him. The country has been disposed, through all the dirty mess, to believe in the personal integrity of Mr. McKinley, and that he was the victim of his political obligations to Alger, but public opinion cannot be made to stand too great a strain.

The Republican managers are trying to get Mr. Hobart to announce that, owing to his health, he will not be a candidate for renomination, but he has so far declined to do so, although his health is in a serious condition. Boss Platt and some other N. Y. Republicans, thinks that Teddy Roosevelt would be effectually shelved if made the tail of the McKinley ticket, and Mr. McKinley, who is a little bit afraid of Teddy as a rival for the first place, is said not to be averse to the idea, provided that Hobart, whom he really likes, can be persuaded to voluntarily take himself out of the way.

Politicians have no difficulty in reading the play made by Gov. Stone, of Pa., when he appointed Quay Senator, immediately following his acquittal by a Philadelphia jury of the charge of conspiracy to rob the State. The appointment was not made with any expectation that the accompanying credentials would ever be used in Washington. Governor Stone and Mr. Quay both know that the Senate has repeatedly, within the last few years, denied the right of a Governor to fill a vacancy in the Senate which the legislature of the state has failed to fill, after having had an opportunity to do so. The appointment was made for its moral effect upon the Republicans of the Pennsylvania legisla-

ture, which is likely to be called in extra session, nominally for other reasons, but in reality solely for the purpose of giving Mr. Quay another chance for getting himself reelected.

Admiral Schley is understood to contemplate asking an investigation of the implied charges and innuendoes made against him by the Sampson clique in the Navy Department. If he does, he will not ask it of the Navy Department, but will go direct to Congress and ask that a thorough investigation be made by a non-partisan committee.

The Hanna-McKinley men are already beginning to see that the retirement of Czar Reed doesn't call for as much rejoicing on their part, as they thought it did when it was first made public. It will remove a powerful enemy from the pathway of the administration, but there is danger that the scramble for the Speakership, which has already started, may create a number of smaller enemies who may be able to do more damage to the administration plans and politics than one big enemy like Mr. Reed. Boss Hanna is not in any doubt about the success in naming the next speaker, but he is growing very much afraid of the sore spots that will be left among the disappointed, when his choice becomes known. A prominent Republican Senator, discussing this matter with a friend, said: "I shall miss my guess if Hanna and McKinley do not both bitterly regret the retirement of Reed before the new Speaker has fairly got used to the position." Mr. Payne, of New York, notwithstanding the understanding that Mr. Sherman, of the same state was to be the Eastern candidate for Speaker, has shied his castor in the ring and declared himself a candidate. There will be lots of fun, and possibly some good political capital for the democrats in the coming fight over the Speakership.

Owing to a call of the German Ambassador at the State Department, Captain Coghlan, of the Raleigh, has received a strong official hint not to repeat the story he told at the New York banquet about the way in which Admiral Dewey humbled the German Naval Commander in Manila Bay, last year, when the Germans tried to get a little uppish. It is denied that the German Ambassador made any complaint about Capt. Coghlan's story out of course, everybody knows that it is a part of diplomacy to deny any thing and everything when it is deemed necessary to do so.

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy in the Worcester Enterprise recently, which leads me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it for colic and diarrhoea. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to cure the worst case with myself or children.—W. A. STROUD, Popojoye City, Md. For sale by M. B. Blackburn.

It Is Nothing Short of Revolution.

News and Observer.

Two weeks ago when this paper (a few days after the Supreme Court in the Day decision decided virtually that the legislature had no right to control the State institutions) said that all the other ex-Fusion officers would bring contests for their old places, some of the Fusion officers, who have since resorted in revolutionary proceedings in order to save their "pie," said this paper was misrepresenting the Fusionists by saying that the Board of Agriculture was contemplating revolutionary proceedings to hold their jobs. Yesterday they took action verifying our prediction.

When the legislature was in session there was strong sentiment in favor of immediately removing John R. Smith, whose inefficiency was pronounced, but upon an examination of the law it was decided that Mr. Smith could not be legally removed until June 15, and no attempt was made to remove him. The same was true of the Secretary and other officers of the Board. The Legislature then elected Mr. Samuel L. Patterson, of Caldwell, Commissioner of Agriculture and fifteen new members of the Board of Agriculture. The Fusion members were not removed. Shortly after the legislature adjourned the twenty members met in Raleigh, held a harmonious session, unanimously elected Col. John S. Cunningham Chairman, and T. K. Bruner Secretary, appointed committees, and the next issue of the Bulletin, the official organ of the Board of Agriculture, recognized the legality of the proceedings and printed the committees and other matters relative to the meeting. There was no suggestion then of a contest or of ground for a contest.

Yesterday afternoon as the members arrived, Secretary Ramsey in person delivered to each member a notification that the old members of the board repudiated the new members, had expunged the proceedings of the last meeting, and would go it alone.

Why this change of front? The Supreme court's decision in the Day case. That is the cause of all the litigation and revolution that has come to the surface.

If the action of the old board was taken with the belief, in good faith, that the Supreme court would sustain it in the position assumed, then it is the most scathing possible comment upon the decision in the Day case and a pertinent instance of what must follow from that inroad upon a dignified public policy.

Whether in that belief or not, it is most open, shameless and arrogant grab for place that has disgraced even a Fusion administration. That the parties to it believe however, that they have a shred of law to sustain them or that they are persuaded that the Supreme court will follow them thus far into the sordid mire of partisanship is extremely improbable.

Doubtless the most that they hope to gain by the unprecedented course of yesterday is to keep themselves in place until the next term of the Supreme court, and thereby play fast and loose with the department funds, for that much longer, after the approved Fusion method. Then if the court decides against them, and the court will really have to draw the line somewhere, the dog will have prolonged his day that much.

A few months more of office a little more mileage and per diem—these under cover of a decision of the Supreme court that give an odor of sanctity to a Fusion tenure of office, are at the root of the matter.

If it be true as stated in a Washington dispatch printed in the news columns of today's paper, that the Democrats are to be given about half the census supervisor's places, we may expect a howl to go up from the Republicans. There will be nine supervisors in North Carolina and these places pay very good salaries, while the position of enumerator, which only lasts a month, is not to be sneezed at by a fellow who is on the lookout for pie. If the Democrats are to have a divide of these places in N. C. we assume that they will be given four supervisors and the Republicans five. We do not desire to raise any false hopes, however, and we take this occasion to say that if any Democrat expects to ask for the place of supervisor he need not bank too much on getting it. There are too many demands on Senator Pritchard for pie which he cannot meet for him to allow these nice places to go outside the party if he can help it.—Landmark.

A Richmond dispatch of the 19th to the Baltimore Sun says: A bronze statue is to be placed over the grave of Hon. Jefferson Davis, in Hollywood Cemetery, here. Mrs. Davis is having the statue built in New York.

It will be slightly over life size and a faithful likeness of the deceased chieftain. It will show him as he was during the war and will represent him in the clothes he wore when he was captured. It has been so frequently falsely ete that Mr. Davis was captured while fleeing in female attire that Mrs. Davis decided in rearing the monument to show her husband as he really appeared when taken prisoner by the Northern soldiers. The monument will be exceedingly handsome both in workmanship and finish.

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Mr. Cuyler is one of the leading merchants of this village and one of the most prominent men in this vicinity.—W. G. PHIPPIN, Editor Red Creek Herald. For sale by M. B. Blackburn.

Day Decision a Surprise.

News and Observer.

Representative Locke Craig of Asheville, is in Raleigh on legal business.

Mr. Craig says the lawyers of his section were not expecting such an opinion from the court in the Day case. They do not understand how any of the judges could have continued to concur in the opinion of the court after they had read Judge Clark's dissenting opinion. If the opinion of the court be the law of the land, except that promulgated by the Supreme court. Instead of being a republic with three co-ordinate departments of government the State has become an oligarchy in which the oligarchs have supreme power. Judge Clark's opinion is a great defense of the rights of the people to govern themselves as contemplated by the framers of the government, and places him along the great judges that have adorned the history of English jurisprudence. He completely annihilated every position taken by the court. Our people, of course are interested in the Buncombe county clerkship, but rather expect this case to go as the Day case went.

Mr. Craig said:

"The amendment in our county will add strength to the Democratic party. I have talked with a great many people and have not found a single Democrat who is not enthusiastically for it. I have talked with some Republicans who are for it and understand that some of the leading Republicans of the West will support it. The plan of the Republican leaders will be to deceive the people with the idea that the amendment will disfranchise the illiterate white people. As soon as our people come to know that no white man will be disfranchised they are all for the amendment and would all vote for it if influenced by party prejudice. The election of our municipal ticket is assured. The opposition will hardly make a serious fight. Heretofore the elections in Asheville have been very close, and have sometimes gone against the Democrats. Under our present election law, which prevents the colonization of negroes, the Republicans seem to have surrendered. "The evidence in the Pearson-Crawford contest is about closed. Pearson has made no showing of any merit in his contest. The investigation shows that our election was fair, and that Crawford is beyond question entitled to retain his seat.

"In August, 1900, the 9th district will give a large majority for the amendment."

Mr. John P. Booker, of Blacksburg, editor of the Cherokee Investigator, was badly hurt in Charlottesville some days ago while attempting to board a moving train. His leg was so badly crushed that it had to be amputated.

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