

Watauga Democrat.

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Banner Elk Letter.

MR. EDITOR: Of the state elections that came off on the 3rd most people were watching Ohio and New York City as an index to what may happen next year. Ohio stands for what chronic boodlesism can do. New York City stands for the fact that Booker Roosevelt's own city does not endorse his administration, his own voting friends going Democratic by 48 votes. Roosevelt entertained six niggers at the White House lunch table on the day before the election, and this insulted the intelligence of the American people by coming out squarely for negro equality. He thought by this to carry the Maryland election, but Senator Gorman spat out his expectations into smithereens. His own city gave him a kick for his strenuous Senegambian proclivities; and also to resent the unparadonable slight he offered to the memory of the dead hero, Gen. George B. McClellan, in his oration at Antietam. New York City elected his son George B. McClellan, jr., Mayor of the great city, principally to show Booker a thing or two. He expects to be nominated by his party next year and if he is, the American people who vote for him will be voting squarely for negro equality, although they have always denied it heretofore. There can be no dodging the fact. But as for myself I think Hanna will be nominated. The N. Y. Herald thinks the Democrats should nominate Cleveland. I do not. If Hanna should get the nomination and Grover should head the Democratic ticket, the honest people could have no ticket to vote for that would be in the least degree decent as they are both eminent boodlers. They both snek eggs, but Grover hides the shells. Now, when you talk to a republican who can read about the way this rotten administration is being conducted, they will grin at you and swear that they don't like the way things are going. But you just wait until election day and you will find these same grinning idiots going up to the polls screaming for Booker Roosevelt and nigger equality.
PHANTOM.

It gives one a relapse on that "tired feeling" to read the explanation Prof. Bassett, of Trinity College is toasting on the people, trying to make them believe that his Booker Washington article in the South Atlantic Quarterly was misconstrued by the press of the State and the reading public. The article speaks for itself, and the people should be allowed to construe it as they please despite the whimpering of this latter day advocate of negro equality. All the explaining he can do now will not remove the dark spot he voluntarily placed upon his own ermine.

Chattanooga Times: "If New York should demand it, the balance of the country would be in no position to refuse Mr. Cleveland the nomination. Senator Hanna, in Ohio, has succeeded in pounding the little remaining life out of the Bryan movement; Nothing is, therefore, left for the Democracy to do but to get back to its old-time path and

ing and influence of Mr. Cleveland, when it gets down to Democracy pure and undefiled.

The elections of last week, it seems to us, were full of encouragement for the democratic party throughout the country, and surely bespeaks for it a great victory in 1904. The party has not made any great gains, save in the municipal elections of New York, where George B. McClellan, democrat, was elected by a majority of 70,000, but have held its own most valiently, even in the strong holds of republicanism.

The democrats in Maryland elected their Governor and the next legislature of that State will be democratic, which insures the election of a United States Senator to succeed a republican.

Rhode Island is very close, but democrats claim that Gov. Garvin has been re-elected by a small majority.

Governor Beckham, the Democratic Governor of Kentucky, was re-elected by a nice majority.

The Democrats carried Colorado, Mississippi and Virginia.

The republicans, as was expected, carried Ohio, Iowa, Pennsylvania and Nebraska. Tom Johnson, the democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, was buried under a republican majority of 100,000; and Hanna will have an increased majority for Senator in the legislature.

It is indeed gratifying to know that Maryland and Kentucky are again safely within the democratic fold, and the hope that Tammany will do as well in the State of New York next year, as it has in the municipal election this makes the outlook very encouraging.

Governor Aycock Issues Proclamation

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I, Charles B. Aycock, Governor of the State of North Carolina, therefore, issue this my proclamation setting apart Thursday November the twenty-sixth instant as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer on which day I urge all people to meet in their respective places of worship and thank God for the manifold mercies which He has shown us individually and as a people, and to ask for His protection and guidance in the future. I earnestly recommend that on this day all our people shall give as God has prospered us unto those who are needy, particularly to the widows and orphans.

Done at our city of Raleigh this the second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three and in the one hundred and twenty-eighth year of our American Independence.

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The reports of the refusal of Senator Hanna to serve as national chairman during the next campaign are especially significant in view of the known fact that the Ohio senator is at outs with President Roosevelt. The reports once so strenuously denied are now allowed to go unquestioned and there is little doubt that Hanna has ended his career as national chairman.

Somebody has been dumped. The only question is as to whether Roosevelt has dropped Hanna or Hanna has dropped Roosevelt, and the democratic party doesn't need to worry over the proposition. In either case the fact that there is a terrible row on among the republican bosses is patent, and that means greatly increased prospects for democratic victory next year. The party needs a strong organization with strong men at its head, and the party is going to have them.

The republican party has drunk too deeply of power. It has gone too far along paths of arrogance and iniquity. It is nearing the end of its days of unquestioned control and the time of accounting is coming fast. There is a promise of democratic victory in the very air. Its coming is as certain as the rising and the setting of the sun. With unity of purpose and wisdom of policy the democrats can win and will win in the next campaign. "With a long pull and a strong pull and a pull altogether" the control of the country is to be wrested from unfit hands.—Indianapolis State Sentinel.

Our Washington correspondent, writing under date of the 9th, says: "Congress meets here today, and after a short time spent in organizing the new House, the Fifty Eighth Congress will be in

complete working order. The President's message for the extra session will be a short one and will deal exclusively with the question of Cuban reciprocity, which is the special business before Congress. On Saturday the party caucuses were held and both parties chose their leaders, in what promises to be an intensely interesting and politically important session. The Cuban reciprocity legislation must originate as a bill in the House, and when it gets to the Senate there will be much tariff talk, which the republicans will encourage, believing that the country is with them, and furthermore that in this way they can prevent a discussion of the scandals in the different departments. In fact they seem to have chosen the tariff discussion as the lesser of the two evils. The condition of affairs in Colombia may be considered in the Senate and there is a chance that an attempt will be made to ratify the Chinese treaty at once, in order to forestall Russia's actions in Manchuria.

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Who Is Bassett?

Dr. Bassett, Professor of English in Trinity College at Durham, has suddenly become famous. In addition to teaching, he is editing a quarterly periodical called the South Atlantic Review. In the last edition of this heretofore unknown publication, he printed an article by his own pen on the negro question, in which he went bow-shot ahead of Roosevelt or any of the other social equal ity advocates of the North. The first notice we saw of this remarkable deliverance was in a long editorial in last Saturday's New York Sun. Editor and Professor Bassett evidently sent the Sun an advance copy of his Review. The Sun's review of the Bassett Review's negro editorial was on the line of expressing surprise that a Southern man could dare to take so independent and advanced position on the race question. It was in the main commendatory but not at all gushing. The Sun, Republican as it is, is not for social equality and has given Roosevelt some terrible blows on that line.

But to return to Bassett and the Review: One of the striking sentences of the article asserted that, with the exception of Robert E. Lee, Booker Washington is the greatest man that has been born in the South during the last hundred years. This was extremely absurd, and shows the Professor as lamentably lacking in scholarship and learning, as he is in propriety and common sense. But this is the least important feature of the monstrosity. It prescribes social equality as the solution of the race problem and predicts that solution.—Newton Enterprise.

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