

PROBING THE PRESIDENT. IS HE BEHIND CRUMPACKER?

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By W. A. HILDEBRAND.

Special to The Observer. Washington, Nov. 12.—Within the next fortnight an effort will be made to ascertain the Southern policy of the administration, that is, whether President Roosevelt will give his moral support to that faction in the Republican party, of which Representative Crumpacker is spokesman, which forced the adoption of the so-called negro plank in the Republican national platform.

President Roosevelt is not expected to declare his views on this or any other subject with which Congress may have to deal, until after he consults Senate and House leaders, nor is it expected that any statement will emanate from the White House bearing the earmarks of inspiration, but while at the White House to-day the representative of The Observer was told that the President's voice would be against any movement looking to a reduction of Southern representation, certainly during the coming session.

LISTENING TO CAUTION. Two years ago he would have been ready to take any step looking to the restoration of what he regarded as the political rights of the black man, but to-day and since last Tuesday, he is inclined to turn an attentive ear to those who counsel caution.

NOT TO HURT TRUSTS. A few weeks ago, when it became known that trusts and corporate interests had changed front and would give their united support to President Roosevelt, there was no end of speculation as to the why and wherefore.

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RIVER AND HARBOR WORK.

List of Expenditures Recommended by the Army Chief of Engineers, Including \$200,000 for the Upper Cape Fear and \$150,000 for the Lower—Seacoast Defense Projects. Washington, Nov. 12.—General A. M. Slocum, Chief of Engineers of the United States Army, in his report to the Secretary of War, says that the seacoast defenses of the United States are now somewhat more than fifty per cent completed.

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RUMORS AT LAST CONFIRMED. One of the Three Chief Japanese Commanders in Manchuria Was Struck in the Breast by a Splinter of a Shell and Died at Liao Yang Oct. 4.—The Body Sent to Japan—Fortifications of Both Armies Near Mukden Now So Strong as to Defy Attack. Special to The Observer. Asheville, Nov. 12.—Ex-Sheriff Roland, of Yancey county, returned to Asheville yesterday. Mr. Roland said to-day that the talk about A. B. Bryan, the Republican State senator-elect from the thirty-sixth district, who has been elected Governor of North Carolina and had never removed from the State, "The facts in the case," said Mr. Roland, "I learned them from his father, a man who was a close friend after the election two years ago he went on a prospecting trip to the West to look over that territory with a view to removing there if he liked the country. He remained out of the State just 20 days and never once intimated that he had renounced his residence. He never gave up his house on his way off, but he left the rent during the time he was absent. He returned to the State, has since received his salary, and has been elected Governor of North Carolina as any man who has lived here all his life and had gone to the World's Fair or any other place for a month's visit. His vote was not challenged Tuesday when he cast his ballot and every one familiar with the facts certainly knows that he is eligible to be elected."

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INTERESTING GATHERINGS.

THE CONFERENCE PROGRESS. One of the Features of the Great Gathering of Methodists That Took Place at Asheville, N. C., on Saturday, Nov. 12.—The Rev. J. C. Atkinson, a Worthy Deacon, Missionary Anniversary in the Afternoon Full of Interest—Dr. J. C. Atkinson's Address—The Conference.

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