

MACK NAMES COMMITTEES

LAYING PLANS FOR CAMPAIGN.

Democratic National Chairman Appoints His Assistant Preparatory to the Beginning of the Actual Work of the Campaign. Prominent Democrats From Every Section of the Country Are Named on the Committees For Services to be Rendered. Made Up of National Members—Will Appoint a Sub-Committee For Eastern and New York Headquarters After a Conference. Will Meet With Congress, the New York Leader.

BRYAN WORKING ON SPEECH.

Democratic Nominée Sees But Few Visitors and Makes Good Headway With His Speech of Acceptance—Programme of Exercises Has Been Completed and the Affairs Will Be Very Simple.

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., July 31.—To-day at Fairview was an uneventful one, only a small number of visitors coming to the Bryan-home to pay their respects to the Democratic nominée for the presidency. In connection with the few interruptions, Mr. Bryan made rapid headway with his speech of acceptance. He said that it would be completed on August 5th.

LEADERS IN NEW YORK.

Several Members of National Committee Are on Hand For the Conference With Chairman Mack To-day. New York, July 31.—Several members of the Democratic national committee reached here to-day and will confer with Norman E. Mack, the Democratic nominator. The executive committee will be held at a dinner to-morrow to make arrangements for the opening of Eastern headquarters for Bryan and Kern.

FLOOD AROUND KINSTON

RAILROAD TRAFFIC BLOCKED

In Four Days Kinston Has Had Nine Inches of Rainfall and Many Streets of the Town Were Impassable Last Night. South-west Creek Overflows. Trestle of Norfolk & Southern and Trains Cannot Pass—Two Men Are Waterborne on Roof of a Mill and Kellef Is Sent Them by Boat—Several Men Go Out But Cannot Get Back to Kinston—Telephone and Telegraph Wires Down. Special to The Observer.

TRAIN BOUND FAST BY WATER.

At 2 o'clock nothing had come from the wrecking crew. Because of the swiftness of the current it was impossible to make any progress from the shore.

Two Children Drowned in Canal.

Norfolk, Va., July 31.—A special from Rogers, N. C., reports the drowning of an infant two months old and a child a year old, of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Swain, the party being caught in the storm last night and missing the bridges, drove into a large canal below Lake Scuppernon.

DAMAGE IN BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Storm Hits Washington and Surrounding Section Very Badly, and New Railroad Washed Away, Leaving at a Standstill and Shipping Demoralized.

Special to The Observer.

Washington, N. C., July 31.—The West Indian storm that has been raging for several days has done more damage in this city and Beaufort county than any storm that has visited this city in several years.

Everything Again Normal at Wrightsville Beach.

Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, July 31.—After the severe storm Thursday things are rapidly becoming normal at Wrightsville Beach.

St. Paul, Minn., July 31.—In a letter to William J. Bryan mailed to-day, Governor Johnson places his oratorical powers at the disposal of the national Democratic committee.

RALEIGH NEWS OF A DAY

GOVERNOR GRANTS PARDONS

Chief Executive Yesterday Gave Liberty to Four Prisoners Who Had Applied For Pardon, While Seven Applicants Were Turned Down—The Governor States His Reasons For Giving the Pardons—Interesting Comments as to Why One Was Refused—A Cal Islander For Meeting of Deaf Mute Graduates of Old School at Raleigh—Farmer's Kitchen Smashed by a Falling Tree and His Wife Narrowly Escaped Death—Inquest Over Murdered Negro.

Observer Bureau.

The Holloman Building, Raleigh, July 31.

Governor Glenn pardons Robert Wingate, convicted at the September, 1907, term of Edgemont court of assault with intent to commit rape, and sentenced to five years in the State prison. Since the trial of the case the punishment for this offense has been changed, at that time the minimum sentence being five years and the trial judge giving the minimum punishment. The Governor says: "The prisoner has been in jail nearly three years and the pardon is strongly recommended, and having some doubts in my mind of his intent to commit the crime, I grant the pardon, conditioned upon his indemnifying Edgemont of all costs and giving bond of \$200 to appear at the September term of Edgemont court every two years and show he has been good character, sober and industrious, the defendant not to be discharged until these conditions are complied with."

Former Secretary and Treasurer of Greensboro Furniture Firm Charged With Having Misappropriated Funds of the Company—Somewhat of a Scoundrel in Gate City Business Circles.

Observer Bureau.

The Beville Building, Greensboro, July 31.

Something akin to a sensation was sprung on the business community this morning, when Mr. M. L. Bloomberg, secretary and treasurer of the Greensboro Furniture Company, which went into bankruptcy last week, was reported under arrest at Greensboro. Mr. Bloomberg was arrested upon his return from a visit to Norfolk, the warrant having been sworn out by Mr. C. M. Edwards, an expert accountant, who is engaged in an examination of the affairs of the Greensboro Furniture Company. A bond of \$4,000 was required of Mr. Bloomberg for his appearance at the August term of Guilford Superior Court. The defendant had been indicted from Richmond, Va., in 1904, becoming secretary and treasurer of the Greensboro Furniture Company in June of that year. He was employed on a salary and a percentage of the profits of the corporation. It is said that the reports submitted by Mr. Bloomberg to the stockholders for the years 1904, 1905 and 1906 indicated that the company was making money. The report for the year 1907 showed a loss of about \$20,000 for the year.

While the report for last year was being prepared, the directors engaged an expert accountant to make an examination of the affairs of the company, not suspecting at the time that anything was wrong. It appears that the accountant discovered that the funds of the company had been misappropriated to the extent of several thousand dollars. In addition it is alleged that much of the material and labor that went into a handsome residence erected by Mr. Bloomberg was furnished by Greensboro. It is said that at least a part of the furniture that went into the completed residence came from the same source, no charge having been made on the books of the company for any of the material, labor or furniture.

Following the bankruptcy proceedings against the Greensboro Furniture Company last week, Mr. Bloomberg resigned as secretary for the State tickets. He declared that he would not consent to take any part in purely State campaigns so long as no party disaster threatened.

He only had a few days to prepare his own preference in regard to the government but he successfully eluded every effort on the part of the callers to learn whether President Roosevelt would give the State tickets in his favor or in favor of the re-nominating Governor Hughes.

Very little was learned of the discussion about the government, but that the conference will not result in clarifying the situation to any great extent is conceded.

REV. J. H. HARMS ELECTED.

Trustees of Newberry College Choose an Alumnus of the Institution to Succeed Dr. Scherer as President.

Observer Bureau.

300 Skycraper Building, Columbia, S. C., July 31.

The trustees of Newberry College assembled here to-day and elected to succeed Dr. J. H. Harms, formerly of Savannah, Ga., now the pastor of a Lutheran church in Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Harms is a graduate of Newberry College, in 1892. He is the son of the late Judge H. H. Harms, a man of high standing and reputation of a very learned man. It is not known as yet whether or not Mr. Harms will accept the offer, but every effort will be made to get him to return to his alma mater as its president. The board first passed a resolution asking Dr. Scherer, who was present, to remain at Newberry, but he declined and will proceed to Through Institute, at Pasadena, Cal. Scherer will receive a much larger salary as president than he has been getting and where he will have a much larger field in which to work. The board formally accepted Dr. Scherer's resignation on the 29th of October last.

Bishop Candler Arrives at New York.

New York, July 31.—The Rt. Rev. William A. Candler, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, left here on the Louisiana, which arrived here to-day.

GRAVES ANSWERS WATSON

MR. COX WILL ACCEPT IT

HE GIVES OUT AN INTERVIEW.

NOT UNDER HEARST'S CONTROL.

HEAVY SMASHED KITCHEN.

PARO SOME FOOD HE SHOT THE WATSON

WOMAN DOWN, USING A GUN WHICH IS A SORT OF COMBINATION OF SHOTGUN AND ARMY RIFLE.

NEW YORK, Editor Takes Exception to Mr. Watson's Styling the Independents a One-Man Party—Mr. Hearst Went into the Committee Rooms on Equal Terms With Other Delegates and Did Not Accept It—The Hildebrand Matter Explained—Being Urged Daily to Stand For Nomination—His Party Must Appeal to Him on Higher Lines—Hildebrand Will Not Announce Himself But Leaves Everything With His Friends.

Special to The Observer.

High Point, July 31.—Mr. J. Elwood Cox, who is being urged by many to become the Republican nominee for Governor, arrived home to-day and submitted to the following interview this afternoon:

"Have you read Mr. Dockery's letter in The News and Observer this morning?"

"Oh, yes, I read it."

"What do you think of it?"

"It's all right. Mr. Dockery writes very well and no doubt thinks he is giving me good advice. You know I have never amounted to much in the market to-day. Mr. Dockery is complimentary to me, I think. He should not forget, however, that I am not a candidate nor even an aspirant. I want no office under the sun."

"What do you think what he says about Mr. Hildebrand?"

"The information he gives about Mr. Hildebrand is news to me. The little trouble with Mr. Hildebrand which some people are disposed to make such a big mountain was quickly settled when once understood. Mr. Hildebrand approached me about a conditional subscription I had made to the Industrial News and others waiting in my office attending to a matter of great importance, financially, to the community, and I did not have time to hear him. When he learned this course to be expressed regret at having written the letter, and that was the end of the matter. We are satisfied and every one else ought to be."

"Are you going to stand for the nomination of Mr. Cox?"

"I have never said that I would."

"You are still being urged in regard to it, are you not?"

"Every day I received two letters this morning, one of them was from a good Democrat as there is in North Carolina."

"Dockery says they are after your money."

"Oh, yes, I know that. Well, I have no more to say," answered Mr. Cox.

Thus Mr. Cox abruptly ended the interview with a smile. If any of the politicians have any designs on Mr. Cox's money they had better wait up. This is hardly a politician smart enough to untie his money bags. If his party wants him, Mr. Cox infers they must appeal to him on higher lines. The Observer's correspondent in a talk with Mr. Cox that he does not intend to announce himself at all, but leave his friends, who he is in touch with, to do this at Charlotte. He will accept the nomination if it is tendered in the right way.

CONSULS ARE INNOCENT.

Reports From Honduras Uphold Contentions of Consuls to That Country Did Not Advise the Surrender of the Town as Charged by Honduras.

Washington, July 31.—An unpleasant situation has developed between the United States and Honduras growing out of the action of President Davila in cancelling the exequatours of the foreign consuls at Comayagua, Honduras, because of their alleged friendliness to the revolutionists' cause. These officers include American Consul Drew Linard and Vice Consul Reynolds, and the vice consuls of France and Norway.

Reports which have reached the State Department uphold the contention of the consuls that they have not been guilty of any breach of propriety; that they had no authority as officers of the town when demanded by the revolutionists, as charged by Honduras, but simply communicated the demand to the commandant.

The incident has caused considerable annoyance to the government, which ever since the revolution in Honduras commenced has exerted its best efforts to prevent any breach of neutrality in Central America which might prove adverse to the United States.

Acting Secretary Bacon had a call to-day from Senor Ugarte, the Honduran minister, who presented to Mr. Bacon some information he had received from Foreign Minister Fallas relative to the Honduras side of the controversy. Mr. Bacon will take up the matter again next week. He had intended to start on an official mission to Porto Rico to-morrow, but this and the State Department's questions demanding his attention makes it necessary for him to delay his departure.

RAILROAD FILES DEMURRER.

New York, New Haven & Hartford Road Denies That "Unified Management" is a Restraint of Trade—Roads Are Not Parallel, But Operate in Distinct Fields.

Boston, July 31.—A demurrer as sweeping as legal philosophy could make it by offering objection both to the form and substance of the petition, was the answer filed to-day in the United States Circuit Court here by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company as defendant in the action brought against it by the United States government. As filed, the demurrer is in three parts, but the main contention in each part of the demurrer, and all three parts are practically identical in many specifications, is that the petition is uncertain in its statements concerning alleged violations of the inter-State commerce act. This uncertainty is alleged to be shown in that which the petition declares that holding of the stock of the Boston & Maine Railroad by the New Haven road and the possibility of "unified management" is a restraint of trade in general and of inter-State commerce in particular, it fails to show to what extent there exists competition between the respective railroad systems and to what extent a "unified or co-operative management" of these systems would create advantages to the public and an encouragement and increase to inter-State trade.

It is pointed out that the New Haven road and the Boston & Maine road are in the main not parallel, and the petition avers, but are systems and networks of railroads operating in distinct fields, and that they compete with one another only at a few stations at the most important of which "usually or more effectively" competition exists by the Boston & Albany Railroad or by water.

WEST VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS ADJOURN.

Charleston, W. Va., July 31.—After completing its ticket by naming E. H. Morton, of Webster county, for Attorney General, and choosing Howard Jewell, of Boone county, as its member, the West Virginia Democratic State convention adjourned here at 5 o'clock this morning. Just before adjournment, a resolution was adopted to meet in future that the members of the national committee be chosen by the convention which elects delegates at-large and not by the delegates as in the past. The present national committee, John T. McGraw, recorded the resolution, which then was adopted unanimously.

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OFFICERS SWAM ACQUITTED

PLEA OF SELF-DEFENSE UPHOLD

Special, Police Officer S. L. Swain, of Salem, Who Shot and Killed Negro He Was Trying to Arrest, Set Free by Fourth Jury Yesterday—Grand Jury Finds That City Has Not Paid the County Money for the Expenses of the Peace Also Declares That Duty-City Treasurer Makes a Statement in Explanation, Saying the County Owed the City—New Business of Eagles Thrown Open to Public Last Evening—Y. M. C. A. Building Completed.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, July 31.—In Superior Court this evening Special Officer S. L. Swain, of Salem, was acquitted of the charge of murder of Charles Phelan colored, on the morning of June 14th. The verdict was returned at 3:50 o'clock, after the jury had been out for two hours. The verdict did not come as a surprise, although there was some apprehension among the friends of the defendant that he would be convicted. When the verdict was received some one started to applaud the jury, but this was quickly nipped by the appearance of the judge who stated that the jury had not such conduct and could locate the parties they would be given a berth in jail. Police Officer Swain admitted killing the negro, but claimed self-defense. The coroner had not the negro did not have a pistol and made no attempt to do harm to the officer.

The grand jury made its report and adjourned this afternoon. Among other things the jury said: "A committee of three visited the different offices of the court house to ascertain whether the fines and forfeitures had properly been turned over to the justices of the peace. We found that the city treasurer had paid into the county treasury any funds since January 7th, 1907. We also learned from the county superintendent of public instruction that the county had not paid the first day of May the city treasurer was due to pay into the county treasury the sum of \$5,000 or more. We find that some of the magistrates very many delinquent in their returns; for instance, one justice made a return showing no amount of fines collected. We are unanimously of the opinion that with either a finance committee or county auditor and we most earnestly recommend that this be done."

The city treasurer was seen by your correspondent this evening and was asked for a statement regarding the failure to pay to the county money that belonged to the city. He said the money had not been paid for the reason that the county owed the city and that the board of aldermen had stopped payments until an adjustment of the matter could be had. The city treasurer of the city is that it pays two-thirds of the taxes from which the school fund is made up and that in making its apportionments the city board of education has not treated the city fairly. He claims that the board has not paid over one-half the city is entitled to according to what is given per capita in other parts of the county. He said that the board of aldermen had voted the city \$4,000 on last year's apportionment and this was not paid until a few days ago. The board of education at its next meeting will probably take up the matter and give the City of Winston its per capita school tax, which has already been demanded by the board of aldermen in a resolution passed a few weeks ago. When the county makes its return the city will be ready to pay the amount of the tax. The elegant new quarters of the local aerial of the Fraternal Order of Eagles were thrown open for the inspection of the public from 7 to 10 o'clock to-night, during which time hundreds called and were taken through the building, which is located on the corner of Main and fourth streets, the second floor of the Brown-Togor. The new City Company building being used. Owing to the fact that the semi-weekly band concert was held on the square to-night there was a large crowd of people on town and many of these visited the Eagle quarters.

A barbecue and brunswick stew for the benefit of the Winston-Salem Athletic Association was given at Nissen Park last night and was attended by the hundreds of the city and gentlemen. The event was delightful throughout.

In the mayor's court this morning John H. Holmes, superintendent of the Winston fire department, and Paul Hancock, who had been taking up tickets at the ball park, were tried on the charge of an affray. The trial was the result of Womack's refusal to let Holmes in the ball grounds under a police officer. Holmes was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs, while judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs as to Womack.

The new Young Men's Christian Association Building, corner of Fourth and Cherry streets, has been completed and will be opened to the public for inspection in a few days. It is a fine structure and meets a long-felt need.

THREE NEW COLLARS.

Navy Department Turns Down Tenders of Three Collars and Asks For Three More.

Washington, July 31.—Tenders of three collars have been invited by the Navy Department from the various shipbuilding companies of the country. The tenders made in June were unsatisfactory to the department, not only in price but in the quality of the equipment. A speed of twelve knots an hour and a dead weight carrying capacity of 7,500 tons must be required. The machinery must be located in the after part of the vessel, so that the coaling of ships at sea may be made easier.

The tenders will be opened September 1st, when bids for the ten new torpedo boat destroyers also are to be opened. In the case of the collars the government assumes no contractual obligations, but says substantially to the shipbuilders that they may offer the three collars to the government in twelve months and if they are satisfactory they will be accepted.

ADMIRAL SWINBURNE TAKES CHARGE OF PACIFIC FLEET.

Mare Island Navy Yard, Cal., July 31.—Rear Admiral W. T. Swinburne, succeed Rear Admiral James G. Dayton as commander-in-chief of the Pacific coast fleet to-day. The change in command took place aboard the flagship West Virginia, and was attended by the usual ceremonies. Admiral Swinburne is a distinguished officer, having served in the Spanish-American war, and was in command of the fleet of the Pacific coast for several years. He is a native of New York and was born in 1854. He served in the Spanish-American war, and was in command of the fleet of the Pacific coast for several years. He is a native of New York and was born in 1854. He served in the Spanish-American war, and was in command of the fleet of the Pacific coast for several years.