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A Curious Situation

THE report that the democratic national committee finds itself embarrassed for speakers is probably founded in the reluctance of prominent democrats to put themselves on record at a time when the party is feeling about for popular issues.

While hesitation to commit themselves in public speech is general among the more prudent democratic politicians, there is no such reluctance on the part of republicans. The policies with which the party enters the campaign are boldly announced, and differences of opinion receive that open discussion which tends to public enlightenment and final settlement.

"It will be noticed that while Mr. Roosevelt shows a remarkable appreciation of human nature, he sticks very closely to his universal text, which is always that of good and active citizenship. He has put it, during his New England trip, in a hundred different ways, but in sense and essence it always gets back to the simple assertion that it is no use being good unless that admirable quality shows itself in good deeds.

While the republican president is endeavoring to promote good citizenship and the active and intelligent interest in public affairs that results in good government, while there is an open and free discussion by republican speakers of problems of the present and future, there is, on the other hand, a general reluctance on the part of democrats to touch upon such problems, and such spellbinders as are not lying low are carefully avoiding questions of the present or future, if not harping persistently on those of the past.

The Coal Strike.

WITH the approach of cooler weather public interest in the coal strike turns from what ever right or wrong may be involved to an anxious question of when the strike will end. The New York Times thinks the steady increase in the number of men employed in the anthracite mines and the resumption of shipments of newly mined coal, in addition of the product of the washeries, are facts which cannot be lessened in their significance by denials emanating from the headquarters.

A recent article in the Springfield Republican says: "The law of expenditure as laid down by Dr. Engel of Germany embraced the rule that the percentage of a family's income expended for fuel or light is invariably the same, whatever the income. If the Engel law is sound, the aggregate expenditure on account of fuel for the same family should rise and fall with the income.

One man has calculated that with the heat shut off from the chambers and the parlor, he can get along with half the amount of coal usually burned," and in more humble households "there will certainly be a more general turning of the kitchen into a sitting room than has been known since the day of the fireplace as the exclusive means of heat for comfort or cooking. It will be a tendency not helpful to the coal corporations nor yet to the miners, but it may prove salutary in general effect."

The strike will benefit neither the strikers nor the coal operators, nor will it seriously affect the ordinary citizen, if these views of the matter are correct. The strikers lose wages, the coal operator sells less coal and the citizen shuts up part of his house for the winter. Just where the good comes in to anybody is not apparent, unless it demonstrates to the consumer, who is supposed to pay the bills for disturbances of this sort, that there are more ways to kill a cat than to choke it with cream.

The Isthmian canal will give a short and cheap line to the far east for the cotton of the south. J. J. Hill, the railroad magnate, declares that "the shortest and cheapest route from the cotton fields to the orient is by the way of Puget sound," and argues that the government should improve the channel of the Mississippi, so that his railway from St. Louis to the Pacific can be more easily reached, but he is not for an isthmian canal. Oddly enough, his argument only goes to prove the value of the canal. No part of the country will reap greater benefits than the south from an isthmian canal.

Only about six weeks to the election, Bro. Democrats. Time to be getting right down among the people and giving them the truth straight. This done, the result will be all right.—Raleigh Post.

Right you are. The truth is mighty and will prevail. When the people know that the same crowd that stuffed the ballot boxes wrecked the treasury they will turn the rascals out.

We advise all who are troubled with sleeplessness to read the Hon. E. W. Poul's address, "full of the virile principles of democracy," with which he opened the democratic campaign at Raleigh a few days ago. The soporific qualities of the address are powerful. The virile principles of the democratic fight for tariff tinkering and imperialism are treated with masterful, sarcasm.

The Raleigh Post (democratic) says of the editor of the Raleigh News and Observer: "He has reached the point where his envious slanders and malicious misrepresentations invoke pity rather than provoke contempt or resentment." That is plain speaking—for a democratic newspaper.

"The democratic party stands on the tariff where it has always stood," says the Greensboro Record, a fact that is clearly understood by the country, and so long as that is the understanding there is no danger of a democratic majority in congress or the election of another democratic president.

"Imperialism," which Carmack is making the leading topic of his speech in Tennessee, is irreverently alluded to as his "paramount chestnut" in that state.

THE board of directors of the Young Men's Christian association of Asheville are trying to secure subscriptions to their building fund in order that there may be no stoppage in the work on the handsome new building now being erected on Haywood street. It is less than two years since this work was undertaken, and the end is almost in sight. It has required pluck and hard work to bring this enterprise to its present stage, and it must not stop now. It is a work that should appeal to every man, especially to the fathers of sons. It proposes to build up the moral, mental and physical powers of young men, and no true parent wishes his boy to do less than his best along all these lines. The work being done by Young Men's Christian associations has long since passed the experimental stage. It has won a place in the forefront of modern organizations having for their aim the uplifting of men to higher and more useful lives. Its work is practical, not sentimental. It brings boys together in an atmosphere that tends to elevate. The canvass now being made for funds to complete this work should meet prompt and liberal responses. The boys of today are the men of tomorrow. The Y. M. C. A. builds strong, manly boys. It should have ample quarters in which to do this great work, and you should help. Won't you do it?

REDICULOUS INSUFFICIENCY

OF 45,000 DOLLARS A YEAR London, Sept. 13.—At a meeting today of the creditors of Prince Victor Dulo Singh, who was declared a bankrupt September 4, the chairman said the prince's debts amounted to \$471,600, of which \$360,000 was secured. The debts were attributed to stock exchange speculation and gambling. Among the assets is a claim for \$3,000,000 against the Indian government with respect to the estate of the bankrupt's father. The prince ascribes his bankruptcy to the "ridiculous insufficiency" of his allowance from the Indian government. To maintain his position, the prince received \$25,000 yearly and his wife received \$10,000.

CASTRO MARCHES TO AID OF GARIBO

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Sept. 13.—President Castro of Venezuela, considering that the situation of General Garibó, his war minister, is eminently critical at Valencia, has marched to assist him with 3,700 men. The president crossed Los Teques river Wednesday and continued the same day his march to Valencia. His army is carrying many sick men with it. According to reports, President Castro will attack the revolutionary army under General Mendoza at Tocuyto. General Matos, the revolutionary leader, is still at Orticou.

ALL RALEIGH SCHOOLS LARGELY ATTENDED

UNITED STATES TREASURY PAYS N. C. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY \$492.36.

Special to the Gazette. Raleigh, Sept. 13.—Captain C. B. Denson, treasurer of the North Carolina Agricultural society, received a letter this morning from the United States treasury department, stating that the act of congress of June 20, 1902, had made an appropriation in favor of the North Carolina Agricultural society for \$492.36 for property taken for military purposes during the war with Spain. The secretary will receive this money as soon as the proper papers are forwarded.

The special committee, consisting of State Chemist B. W. Killgore, Major A. W. Graham of Lincoln, P. W. Kennedy of Iredell and Commissioner S. L. Patterson from the state board of agriculture are in Iredell county to select a site for a state experiment farm. It is thought this farm will be near Statesville.

The city schools and three female colleges of Raleigh are open with a larger attendance than ever. The number of students at the state institution for the blind is greatly increased. The Agricultural and Mechanical college football manager has 40 men in training for the team. Ten dates for games are already arranged.

HOTEL LITHIA BURNED

Special to the Gazette. North Wilkesboro, N. C., Sept. 13.—Hotel Lithia, situated at the Brushy Mountain from and Lithia springs, one of the lush mountains, five and one-half miles south of Wilkesboro, was destroyed by fire last night between 9 and 10 o'clock. Many of the guests left for their homes last Monday owing to the early cool weather, and fortunately all the effects of the fire were saved. The hotel and furniture was valued at \$5,000, and was only insured for \$2,000, which makes the loss heavy on the owner, J. E. Finley. Only a few articles of the hotel property were saved.

Wilkes county's new court house is nearing completion and begins to present a very imposing appearance. It is up to date in every particular and will be a credit to the county.

Hon. Theodore F. Klutz, democratic candidate for congress in this district, spoke to a small crowd at Clingman, this county, yesterday afternoon. His speech was only one-third as large as the one that greeted Mr. Blackburn ten days ago at that place. Corn liquor was in evidence and your correspondent is informed that the boys got brave and had a fight. Suppose they were fooled them out with the promise of a "brass band." It was there but they failed to appreciate the fact. Possibly it was the wrong kind for them. Last night he spoke at Ronda and this morning at Pratt's lane. The attendance was exceedingly small at both places. Tonight he speaks at North Wilkesboro and tomorrow he is billed for Beaver Creek, this county. Mr. Blackburn's friends have no occasion to be alarmed at the invasion of the good old county of Wilkes by his opponent.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER VICTIM IDENTIFIED

New York, Sept. 13.—The body of a woman found in Morris canal was identified tonight by Joseph Pulitzer, a tailor of 130 West Forty-sixth street, New York, the husband of the victim. He said his wife, Anna, left home Tuesday at 10 p. m. to go to a bakery to get him some rolls, and she never returned. The murderers intended concealing their crime indefinitely, but they evidently were not acquainted with the tide conditions of the canal, and at low tide the body could be easily seen. The body was nude when found. The police believe the woman was murdered in New York and the body carried to Jersey.

The motive of the crime is a mystery. The autopsy developed that the woman was about to become a mother, and that her skull was fractured in two places. There was a deep knife gash in the abdomen.

NO ASSISTANCE IS WANTED BY THE DAUGHTERS

New Orleans, Sept. 13.—Yesterday at a meeting of the Ladies' Confederate Memorial association, General Eli Torrence's plan for aiding Alabama Confederate veterans was denounced. The resolutions adopted declared: "We will never consent to accept aid from a union veteran, either to build soldiers' home or otherwise assist the remnant of our southern heroes. We want no sympathy. We demand the respect which our truly noble part in the civil war makes our due." A motion to amend the resolution so as to extend thanks to General Torrence was vigorously opposed by a minority.

INCENDIARIES AT WORK IN THE COAL REGION

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 13.—The engine house of the Clark Coal company's breaker in North Scranton was set on fire by incendiaries at 10:30 o'clock tonight and burned to the ground. The loss is \$10,000. The burning of the washery of the Taylor Coal company this morning is credited to incendiaries, and tonight's fire is worrying the authorities.

MASTER PLUMBERS

Kansas City, Sept. 13.—Master plumbers unable to reach a settlement with their men, 100 of whom struck yesterday, today donned overalls and themselves filled the places of the strikers. The action of the master plumbers was decided upon to protect important contracts, principally on office buildings in course of construction.

CANDIDATES TO SUCCEED HENDERSON

Des Moines, Sept. 13.—Through the columns of the Waterloo Courier, Charles E. Pickett of Waterloo, past grand exalted ruler of the Elks, this afternoon formally announced his candidacy to succeed Speaker Henderson.



DAVID B. HENDERSON.

It is urged that he will unite all factions of the party.

Former Governor Horace Boies the democratic candidate returned to Waterloo today from his farm in Grundy county. He still refuses to comment upon Speaker Henderson's withdrawal. He states that his letter of acceptance will be issued in a few days.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon for Speaker

Washington, Sept. 13.—It is taken for granted that Congressman Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois, familiarly known as "Uncle Joe," will be the next speaker of the house. It has been Cannon's life ambition to be speaker, he considering it a greater honor than a senate seat. He is recognized as a man of brains among the republicans who control the lower house and the selection will be a popular one.

FUNDS SHORT

New York, Sept. 13.—A deficit in public funds here is becoming as troublesome as the national deficit, says a Paris dispatch to the Times by way of London. The authorities are now collecting a new tax of one-half of one per cent. on rentals in order to supply the revenue lost by the remission of the taxes on so-called "hygienic drinks"—wine, beer and cider. To meet the further deficit of \$1,600,000 next year, due to the increased expenditures on public works, the prefect has suggested surtaxes on coal, butter, game, poultry, meat, cheese, etc. It is doubtful whether the government will agree to this step.

BANK FAILS

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Chief Bank Examiner G. S. Lenoard today, under instructions from Superintendent of Banks Kilburn, took charge of the New York State Banking company and closed its doors. The bank is in trouble owing to notes of the Onondaga Dynamo company of this city, which failed last week.

REDUCED RATES

Special reduced rates offered by the Southern Railway company for the following special occasions: On account national encampment G. A. R., Washington, D. C., October 6-11, 1902—Tickets on sale October 3, 4, 5, 6, with final limit October 15th, except by depositing tickets with joint agent at Washington on or before midnight of October 15, and upon payment of a fee of 50 cents, an extension of the final limit of return will be granted to November 3. Stop over at one coupon station will be allowed for ten days, within the limit. Call on ticket agent for further information of this stop over privilege. Round trip rate from Asheville \$10.00.

On account merchants' carnival, Knoxville, Tenn., October 13-18, 1902—Tickets on sale October 13-15, inclusive; final limit October 20. Rate one fare for the round trip. Rate from Asheville \$4.00. For military companies and brass bands in uniform, 20 or more on one ticket, the following rate will apply—\$2.60.

On account state convention W. C. T. U., Burlington, N. C., October 3-6, 1902—Tickets on sale October 1, 2, 3; final limit October 8. Round trip from Asheville \$8.60.

On account thirty-fourth annual state fair, Columbia, S. C., October 23-31, 1902, inclusive—Tickets on sale October 23-30, inclusive, and for all trains scheduled to arrive in Columbia prior to noon October 31; final limit November 2, at the rate of one first class fare, plus 50 cents admission to the fair grounds, for the round trip. Round trip from Asheville \$5.50. For military companies and brass bands in uniform, 20 or more on one ticket, the following rate will apply: \$3.30.

On account annual horse show, Richmond, Va., October 14-18, 1902—Tickets on sale October 13-18, inclusive, with final limit October 20. Rate one first class fare, plus 50 cents admission, for the round trip. Round trip rate from Asheville \$12.50.

On account General Association of Congregational Churches of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C., September 24-29, 1902—Tickets on sale September 22, 23, 24; final limit September 30. Round trip from Asheville \$11.00.

Account Baptist State Sunday School convention, colored, Wilson, N. C., September 23-29, 1902—Tickets on sale September 22, 23, 24; final limit September 29. Round trip from Asheville \$13.25.

Account national convention Christian church, Omaha, Neb., October 15-23, 1902—Tickets on sale October 14, 15, 16; final limit October 28, except by depositing ticket with the joint agent

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