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A CAREFULLY STAGED SENSATION.

The explanation of Simmons is regarded as lame and unsatisfactory, and it is said his statement about the Eller circular will bring revelations which will involve Simmons in grave danger of defeat in the campaign for reelection to the senate he is now conducting. It is asserted by North Carolinians in Washington that Eller never saw the circular alluded to by Simmons, and that it was really written at the dictation of lumber men by a clerk in Eller's office, who, without authority, attached to it the name of the chairman of the State Executive committee of the Democratic party.—Washington correspondence of the Philadelphia Record.

Circular Expected to Cause Stir.
 It is said tonight that a sensation will develop out of this Eller circular. Representative Claude Kitchin of North Carolina, who opposes Simmons, promises an interview on the subject tomorrow, and prominent North Carolinians here say that Eller never saw the circular, which, it is asserted by them, was written by a lumber trust clerk in his office, Eller's name being attached to it.—Washington correspondence of the Baltimore Sun.

Taking into consideration doubts as to the present condition of the memory of the Democratic State chairman, it would perhaps be going too far to say that Mr. Eller knew his lines in the farce comedy which has served to set forth powerfully the determination, if not the desperation, of a certain faction of North Carolina Democracy.

But Eller knew his cue, and so did every man-Jack in the plot, from Winston-Salem to Philadelphia. When Simmons got up to speak Kern, or Gore, or some of them was to prod him about his position on the lumber tariff—Claude Kitchin had seen to that. Almost the very words of Simmons' reply could have been given in advance by the versatile Claude. He would, and did, say that the committee, Mr. Eller chairman, prepared and circulated broadcast a pledge on the part of the Democratic executive committee that no Democratic senator or representative from the State would vote, notwithstanding the national platform declaration, to put lumber on the free list unless mill machinery were also put on the free list.

Eller was to stand from under by either saying outright or insinuating that he knew nothing about any such pledge. The thing was carefully planned and rehearsed for days, perhaps for weeks, before the event. Northern newspaper men knew enough about it to be in position to advise their papers as to what Eller would say—or what he would sign—the night of the day Simmons spoke. The evidence in the two quotations at the head of this article is conclusive.

Would Eller stand hitched? He would. For by virtue of the favor of his powerful and resourceful chief, Governor Kitchin, the Democratic State chairman is secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina railroad. His duties are to ride on a free pass and draw his salary, which is \$1200 a year. Under these circumstances, could he reasonably be expected to remember having participated in the issuance of any document so utterly abhorrent to the Kitchin mind as that lumber pledge?

This lumber tariff was a momentous issue in the North Carolina campaign, and has been looming larger ever since. And yet the chairman of the executive committee until this present week knew nothing of the agreement between his party and the lumbermen, except he thinks he saw something about it in some headlines. It would be too much to expect the chairman to give up a reward like that railroad sinecure, but Democrats, and especially Democratic candidates, could hardly be criticized for feeling some misgivings as to his continuance at the head of the party organization.

The Philadelphia paper's man was informed that the document was really written at the dictation of lumber men by a clerk in Eller's office. The Baltimore man said it was written by a lumber trust clerk. The "Gazette-News" man in Goldsboro, N. C., says that the document was written by a clerk in Eller's office.

persuasion to become head of the party's literary bureau.
 It may be significant that in this matter it became necessary to attempt to sacrifice a loyal "original" Kitchin man. Perusal of Mr. Maxwell's letter shows that he is the sort of partisan Kitchin cannot afford to lose. It also shows that he has no intention of being offered up.

FIFTY YEARS AGO, AND NOW.

For many years to come, perhaps, the newspapers will be burdened from time to time by the recital of episodes like that in the United States senate yesterday, incident to the decision to keep on the senate payroll at \$720 a year, old Jim, President Jefferson Davis' bodyguard, the traditional custodian of the great seal of the Confederacy. Senator Heyburn remarked that he would vote for Jim but not because of his loyalty to an infamous cause, to which Senator Williams made the usual explanation and apology, that "Lee and Jackson may have been wrong." It is a fine thing that the government still stands; but he, Mr. Williams, was unable to express in parliamentary language the sentiment he has for a human being in whom such sentiments could remain. Of course he was. And why should some man always bounce up and apologize for Lee and Jackson whenever these fire-eaters and Hayburners indulge in their stunts intended for political effect at home?

There are a great many people who regard the Confederacy as an "infamous cause" but it is getting out of the fashion to say so. The war is pretty nearly over, and the principal reason is that the remnants of the hosts that slew and devastated are old, feeble men, lovers of peace because they have known war.

A week from today, on that field of Manassas where 50 years ago in the first great battle of the war, the blood of fratricidal strife poured and the peaceful summer landscape was made a place of anguish and horror and death, the remnant of the lines of blue and gray are again to form, to advance upon one another, to meet.

Looking back the vista of years, these old men cannot understand clearly perhaps why those battles and toils, that great sacrifice of life and treasure, should have been necessary. The deliberate slaughter of fellow countrymen against whom one cherishes no animosity, whom one does not even know by name, is a thing that puzzles the mind.

The meeting of next Friday will be simpler. When the lines of feeble men, along the banks of that little Virginia stream, advance and meet and clasp hands, their hearts a tumult of emotion and their furrowed cheeks streaming tears, they will understand. There will be no mystery, no perplexity, as to the significance of the occasion.

General Bixby, chief of engineers, has been widely quoted as saying that in his opinion the Maine disaster was caused by an internal and not an external explosion. He declares that he has so far made no reports or statements as to the origin of the explosion.

The way Hoke Smith has been running lately we expect they will at least make him the tail-end of the national ticket. He was, of course, born in North Carolina.

More than 30 Georgia editors have announced themselves for "Little Joe" Brown for governor. The Brown family has strong representation in the Fourth Estate.

Louisiana is coming along. The legislature has abolished the public roller towel.

MAKING READY FOR THE STATE OPTICAL MEETING

Society Will Hold Its Fourth Annual Session Here July 19-20—Entertainment.

The North Carolina State Optical society will hold its fourth annual meeting at the Battery Park hotel July 19 and 20. This meeting, which is the first that the society has held at this time of year (previous meetings having been held in winter), is expected to be largely attended, and the local optometrists are busy planning various kinds of entertainment for the visitors, including a trolley ride over the city and a smoker at the Battery Park immediately following the trolley ride.

The meetings commence with an address of welcome to the city by some one to be appointed by Mayor Rankin on the afternoon of July 19, followed by the regular meeting of the society. The evening of the nineteenth is to be devoted to the trolley ride and smoker, the next business session opening Wednesday forenoon and continuing through the day, the annual banquet being held Wednesday evening at 10 p. m., after which the meeting adjourns. All the business meetings of the society are to be held in the ballroom of the Battery Park hotel.

The semi-annual meeting of the North Carolina state board of examiners in optometry will be held at the Battery Park July 18 and 19, just preceding the meetings of the State Optical society.

"A FERTILE FIELD FOR CORRUPTION"

So Governor Deneen, Witness in Lorimer Case, Describes Legislature of Illinois.

Washington, July 14.—Evidence about the "jackpot" or general corruption funds for the benefit of recalcitrant legislators was sought from Governor Charles Deneen of Illinois, on his resuming the witness stand before the senate Lorimer committee today.

The governor entered into an analysis of the Illinois legislature to demonstrate the existence of a fertile field for corruption there. He declared that he did not assist, in the election of Senator Lorimer, as some of the senator's friends claimed, but fought against it to the last. He flatly contradicted the version which Edward Hines, the Chicago lumberman who is charged with having asked for a Lorimer election fund contribution, gave of the famous telephone conversation between the two on the day Senator Lorimer was elected.

Max E. 1909. Mr. Hines had testified (Hines) telephoned from Chicago to Deneen that he "had just come in this morning from Washington, and was on my way to Springfield to bring the message to you (Deneen) from Aldrich and the president, urging upon you to do all you possibly can to assist in the election of a senator at the earliest possible moment," and that they understood that Lorimer could be elected if you will assist further. Mr. Hines testified that he understood Deneen to say he would assist in Lorimer's election and would see Lorimer in ten minutes.

Governor Deneen testified that Hines asked him if he received a report from the president in reference to Lorimer. He said Taft had sent a message to support Lorimer.

"I asked him," continued Gov. Deneen, "to send the message, and he answered 'No.' He said that the president had sent it and that he had intended to come to Springfield himself but had missed the train by five minutes.

"I asked him if President Taft sent that message for I thought it strange for the president to tell me that. He said, 'Why he sent it through Senator Aldrich—of course he would not send it to me directly—who would communicate to you through George Reynolds of the Continental bank.' I said, 'Very well.'

"Did you receive a communication from Senator Aldrich or Mr. Reynolds?" asked Attorney J. J. Healy, who was conducting the examination for the committee.

"No, sir."

Gov. Deneen denied Mr. Hines' version of the conversation in regard to the identity of Hines on this occasion, and added that he was not certain that it was Hines talking, but regarded the talk just as he would an anonymous communication.

"Did you tell Mr. Hines that you would assist Mr. Lorimer?" asked Mr. Healy.

"I did not."

"Did you tell him you would see Lorimer?"

"I did not."

"CRUEL, UNJUST TO THE FARMER"

(Continued from page 1.)
 his predecessor (Mr. Roosevelt), revered and loved everywhere in the United States.

Surrender to Special Interests.
 In all the record of this administration no more glaring example is presented of the complete surrender to special interests and the complete reversal of Roosevelt's progressive policies than that shown in dealing with the amendments to the interstate commerce act. It would have been difficult to frame a piece of legislation affecting interstate commerce more harmful to the public interest than the bill drafted by the attorney general and recommended to congress by President Taft.

"Heir to the Roosevelt policies as a presidential candidate, Mr. Taft was a pronounced progressive and the leading and most enthusiastic Roosevelt champion from the first to the last of the campaign.

"Three months after he was inaugurated he seemed to have forgotten that there ever had been any well known Roosevelt policies. He had no sooner taken his oath of office than he sacrificed the progressive cause for the support of Aldrich and Cannon and their reactionary program.

Popular Catchword.
 "Reciprocity is a popular catchword. The president seized upon it. He made an executive compact the basis, not of a reciprocity treaty, but of a tariff bill. Upon this false basis he seeks to force it through congress without amendment or change. "In letter and spirit, this measure violates every principle and every promise of the republican platform, express or implied, and every printed or spoken word and intendment employed to secure the votes necessary to elect William H. Taft. This bill and Canadian pact are equally unjust to 23,000,000 people engaged in and depending upon agriculture.

"Joined with the executive to force this bill through congress are the newspapers, admitting their selfish interest amounting to many millions of dollars, the railroads, the over-protected manufacturers and practically every trust and combination backed by Morgan and Morgan influences."

Hay Fever and Summer Colds.
 Must be relieved quickly and Foley's Honey and Tar Compound will do it. E. M. Stewart, 1614 Watram St., Chicago, writes: "I have been greatly troubled during the hot summer months with Hay Fever and find the relief by using Foley's Honey and Tar Compound I get relief." Many others who suffer similarly will be glad to benefit by Dr. Stewart's experience. For sale by all druggists.

HOW MUCH MORE'S 1 THAN NOTHING?

Mathematician Had to be Called in to Settle a Bet on a Baseball Score.

There was almost a suspension of labor—the soft pedal on labor—in The Gazette-News office this morning when the cub reporter tramped into the shop and innocently propounded a betting proposition in effect: If a man bet that one ball team made more runs than the losing team, and the score resulted 1 to 0 did he win? "Of course he didn't win," declared one of the fans right off the bat, with a look that spelled "why, don't you know that?" on his face. Another fan timidly replied, "Well, I just believe he did." Then there was a discussion. The argument raged up and down the shop when one bold advocate of the bettor's point of view for a time quelled the disturbance by offering to wager any part of a nickel that he was right.

The bet was discussed pro and con, some of the boys declaring that such a bet could not be won on a 1 to 0 score while others were equally positive that one was at least twice as much as nothing and consequently was a winner. "But," replied one of the fellows, "the bet was that the winning team make twice as many runs as the losing team and the winning team only made one run. How do you get runs out of a run?" That put a quietus on the discussion for an instant until someone suggested that maybe since the losing team failed to make anything, that one became plural. The argument continued until finally it was agreed to leave settlement of the point to a well known Asheville mathematician who, when questioned, replied at once that the man who made the bet that the winning team would make twice as many runs as the losing team won. "Because," he said, "one is twice nothing and more."

The argument over the bet arose by reason of the fact that a local fan bet on the first game of the Asheville-Knoxville double header that the winning team would make twice as many runs as the losing team. The score resulted 1 to 0, and it seems that the stakeholder was undecided as to whether the bet had been won or not. The "loser" was not satisfied and neither was the man who believes he had won. The point, however, is settled now.

There is some outside enthusiasm shown. There are several causes for this shortage but the principal ones are: First, that the team had to be organized last spring from the ground up and in order to get the present top-notch team a great deal of material had to be signed and brought here for a tryout. All this cost money and there was no return for it. Second, the recent unpleasantness, for which the management could not be held responsible, resulted in a good many fans staying away from the game, and for two weeks only a handful of people witnessed the games here.

Now, however, the people realize the mistake they made and patronage is getting back to a good level, but not to a level sufficiently high to be remunerative. Result, that \$1000 must be raised or Asheville loses baseball this season and perhaps next. The suggestion was made yesterday that 100 fans give \$10 each, the same to be returned fully or in part at the end of the season, according to how the seasons pans out. It has also been suggested that more stock be sold. However, the point is to raise the cash; the method is a secondary matter.

SUPPORT IS PLEDGED TO THE FAIR PROJECT

Commercial Organizations, Farmers and Labor Unions Will Aid in Making Fair Success.

President George E. Powell and Secretary Owen Cudger of the Western North Carolina fair association are working on the constitution and by-laws of the organization, with the help of R. M. Wells, in preparation for a meeting of the directors which may be called tomorrow or Monday. They are also making preparations to get out the stock certificates and premium list.

The fair will have the active support of several organizations including the board of trade, the Retail Merchants, the U. C. T. K., the farmers union, school committee, school teachers and several labor organizations. Most of these organizations have already pledged their support and steps are being taken to enlist the active support of others. President Powell stated today that he thought everything would be well in line within the next 30 days. Though the time of preparation is limited he stated that the interest of the people was such that he thought the success of the fair was assured.

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It seems up to the fans to dig down and help, too, since the management has put up a good fight for league ball and has given the city the best team in the league. No one can say that they have done this solely for personal gain either, for Asheville is to never been a paying proposition here, and these men have simply put up a bunch of money in order to give the town people and visitors some really good sport and because they are really fans themselves and enjoy the game for the game's sake.

However, there is a limit to which any man will go and at present the management faces a deficit of about \$1000, which is just about all the stockholders care to put up unless

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THE MARKETS
 Slight advances were made in a majority of stocks at the opening of the stock market. Movements were confined to small fractions.

Trading in stocks this morning was on a smaller basis than yesterday. A firm tone was maintained. Fertilizer stocks were strongest of the list, rising sharply responsive to short covering and prospects for a good cotton crop.

STOCKS.

	Open.	Close.
Atchafalpa	112 1/2	112 1/2
American Locomotive	41	41
American Smelting	80	80
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	83 1/2	83 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	109 1/2	109 1/2
Amal. Copper	69	69
Canadian Pacific	241 1/2	241 1/2
N. Y. Central	109	109
Chesapeake & Ohio	82	82
Erle	36 1/2	36 1/2
Great Northern pfd.	134 1/2	134 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	154 1/2	154 1/2
Missouri Pacific	49	49
Norfolk & Western	109	109
Northern Pacific	131 1/2	131 1/2
Pennsylvania	125	125
Rock Island	31 1/2	31 1/2
Rock Island pfd.	64 1/2	64 1/2
Reading	157 1/2	157 1/2
Southern Pacific	122 1/2	122 1/2
St. Paul	126 1/2	126 1/2
Southern Railway	22 1/2	22 1/2
Union Pacific	158 1/2	158 1/2
U. S. Steel	79 1/2	79 1/2

NEW YORK COTTON.

	Open.	Close.
July	12.95	14.00
August	13.70	13.58
September	12.94	13.02
October	12.71	12.82
December	12.70	12.80
January	12.68	12.70
Spot 14.25.		

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	Bid.	Asked.
Asheville Water	\$7.00	\$7.00
Beaumont Furniture	110.00	110.00
Citizens Bank	142.00	142.00
Universal Security	10.00	10.00
Universal Security	12.00	12.00
Wachovia B. & T. Co.	145.00	145.00
Wm. Brownell Mill	14.00	14.00

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This gingham is 27 inches wide and formerly sold for 12 1/2c and 15c yard. Special for today only, at **7c Yard**

Quantities are limited to 10 yards to a customer. None charged or sampled at the above price.

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Closing out various lines is the cause of these unusual reductions listed below. The suits with but one exception are brand new and styles up-to-the-minute.

\$25 blue and white Serge Suits are priced at... \$15.00
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 \$10 Liven Suits are priced at... \$4.50
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