

"SIGNS OUT" KITCHIN THINKS

Governor Says He Is Pretty Well Satisfied That He Will Be the Next United States Senator.

MELON CROP VERY FINE ESPECIALLY IN THE EAST

Both Watermelons and Cantaloupes—One Man Who Raises and Ships Watermelons by the Train Load.

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NORTH CAROLINA this year, according to all reports, has a fine watermelon crop, especially in the eastern part of the state.

As a sample of the kind of melons he grows, Senator Cobb sent to Governor Kitchin last week a melon which weighed more than 75 pounds.

Joe Davis, who was convicted in May, 1908, for burglary and escaped in March, 1908, from the state farm, while serving a 20 years' sentence, was captured July 30 in Wilmington and is now back in the state penitentiary.

Governor Kitchin's Roy Views. Governor Kitchin was in Caswell county yesterday to deliver an address. Before he left Governor Kitchin expressed himself as delighted with the crowds that have been greeting him and declared that he was going to win the senatorship in spite of everything if he is not misreading the signs.

At a charter is issued to the Ladies' Hospital Association company of Greensboro to manufacture and sell all kind of flying machines, etc., and to give exhibition flights. The incorporators are Lindsey Hopkins, Thorough H. Andrews and Thomas S. Beall.

R. C. Hood of the Greensboro chamber of commerce was in Raleigh for a while today. Mr. Hood says that the Greensboro is progressing rapidly in all lines.

At a session of the board of aldermen it was decided to send Walter S. Watson as judge of the police court to succeed the late Judge Badger who died last week. Mr. Watson is a young lawyer of ability and has been identified with local politics for some years, being a former city attorney. His friends are pleased with the choice.

Election of J. K. Vardaman Is Practically Conceded

At Noon Former Governor Was Ahead of Both Other Primary Competitors for United States Senate by 15,000 More Than Their Combined Vote.

JACKSON, MISS., Aug. 2.—That former Governor James K. Vardaman received a sufficient number of votes in yesterday's democratic primary to insure his election to the United States senate is practically conceded this afternoon by all factions.

Early Returns. Jackson, Miss., Aug. 2.—Returns received up to 9 o'clock this morning in the Mississippi primary election of yesterday, in the United States senatorial race, give Former Governor James K. Vardaman the lead over both his competitors.

This gives Vardaman a lead of 2040 votes over both Alexander and Senator Leroy Percy by 15,000 votes, with indications that further returns would increase this lead.

W. J. Bryan Is Denounced By the Democratic Leader

Underwood Declares, in Speech in House, That Charge That He Blocked Efforts to Revise Iron and Steel Schedules Is Absolutely False—Great Applause.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Democratic Leader Oscar Underwood this afternoon denounced as absolutely false William Jennings Bryan's charge that he blocked the efforts of Speaker Clark and others to revise the iron and steel schedules.

Mr. Underwood said that the speaker of the house and myself as to legislation in this house. That statement is also absolutely false. We have been together, we are now together, and I predict that we will be together to the end.

A 14,093,000 Bales Crop Is Unofficial Estimate

Reports on Growing Cotton Crop to Reporting Board of Agricultural Department Indicate That It May Be Greatest in Industry's History.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Reports on the growing cotton crop for 1911, received by the department of agriculture, continue to indicate that the yield this year will be one of the greatest if not the greatest in the history of the industry.

Only 48 July Babies Born in Pasadena, Cal.

It Has a Population of 40,000, and More Wealthy People Than Any Other Town of Its Size in the World—Its Average Ought to Be 200 a Month.

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STEAMER SINKS SCHOONER; LATTERS' CREW PICKED UP

The Massachusetts Barge Down the Susan Pickering and the Latter Sinks in Four Minutes.

New York, Aug. 2.—A wireless message received from the steamer Massachusetts of the Boston line says that while on the way here from Boston the steamer Susan Pickering of Boston, Mass., was struck by the schooner Susan Pickering of New London.

REVOLUTIONIST GANG CONTROLS

Five Killed, Six Wounded, in Port-Au-Prince—President Simon Preparing to Leave City.

AMERICAN, GERMAN, FRENCH MINISTERS ARE EMBARKED

Revolutionists Cut Off Water Supply—Firm's Men Hold All the City's Important Positions.

Port-Au-Prince, Aug. 2.—Five persons were killed and six wounded in the fight on the water front today.

Simon Prepares to Leave. Port-Au-Prince, Hayti, Aug. 2.—President Simon is preparing to leave the city.

Revolutionists have cut the mains and shut off the city's water supply. Followers of General Firmin, one of the revolutionary leaders, occupy all important positions in the capital.

Efforts to Arrange Truce. Port-Au-Prince, Aug. 2.—A foreign diplomat's committee visited the revolutionary camps yesterday to arrange a truce, and were partially successful.

There are sufficient soldiers in the capital at present to maintain order, and the people here feel safe.

Invested Last Night. Port-Au-Prince, Hayti, Aug. 2.—The capital at present is completely invested by the revolutionists, and it is probable that they will refuse a delay of three days asked by President Simon to effect plans to secure the capital from pillage.

Anti-Foreign Feeling Strong. Washington, Aug. 2.—The quickness with which the United States threw a cordon of vessels about the Haytian coast was due to an impression in official quarters that considerable anti-foreign feeling existed in the little republic.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—By unanimous vote the board of directors of the National Baseball league upheld President Lynch in fining and suspending Mages, in decision of the Baseball Director Board.

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Was Worth \$200,000,000, But Sold for \$29,000,000

Estimates of Value of Mineral Holdings of Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, Acquired by Steel Corporation, Given to Congressional Inquiry Committee.



LEWIS CASS LEDYARD TESTIFYING.

TWO PROMINENT WITNESSES IN STEEL TRUST INQUIRY.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—It is expected that Lewis C. Ledyard, who got off so well in his first tussle with the congressional committee investigating the steel trust, and who related some interesting history at the previous hearing, will be called again.

That the ore and local holdings acquired by the United States Steel corporation in the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company in 1907 have a valuation of \$200,000,000 was estimated from figures on the mineral holdings of the Tennessee company given yesterday to the committee on inquiry.

In corroborating a statement made by Engineer Perin, W. M. Glen, of Birmingham, pictured the Birmingham ore field as of incalculable value, taking into consideration all undeveloped resources.

The experts agreed that pig iron could be produced there \$4 cheaper than in the Pittsburgh district and \$3 a ton less than any place in the world.

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NO DIVIDEND BY A. T. COMPANY

In a Letter to Stockholders It Says the Directors Have the Money, but Had Better not Pay It.

IT MIGHT BE IMPROPER OR LACKING IN RESPECT

In Advance of Court's Approval of Plan of Disintegration—Selling of Common Stock Is Heavy.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—An official statement issued by the American Tobacco company to its stockholders gives the information that no dividend on its common stock will be declared at the present time, which would ordinarily be paid in September.

The letter to the stockholders shows the company still engaged on plans for dissolution of the company and its recreation in harmony with the Sherman anti-trust law. The letter reads:

"In the ordinary course regular dividend upon common stock would be declared at the present time, payable in September. Although the earnings amply justify payment of the usual dividend, the directors feel that in advance of the approval by the courts of any plan of disintegration it would be improper and perhaps lacking in respect to the court to make distribution of earnings to the common stock."

"The company's common stock sold at \$34 here this morning, a decline of 20 points from the previous close. Selling has been heavy."

ANOTHER GREAT FAMINE IS EXPECTED IN CHINA

All Yangtze Valley Flooded—Awful Destruction and Death the Result.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—The Christian Herald announces that it has received the following cable message from Shanghai, China:

"All Yangtze Valley flooded. Awful destruction and death. Terrible famine this autumn. (Signed) 'BEALS, Wuhu, China.'"

It is said by those who have made the message public that it would seem to indicate that the relief which the spring crops was expected to bring to the famine stricken districts of China has been dissipated by another inundation of the country in the districts where the famine has raged for the last few months.

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WESTERN WAGON SHOPS ARE GRANTED RELIEF

Winston-Salem and Hickory Factories Placed on Shipping Parity With Goldsboro.

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This permission is granted by the interstate commerce commission in order that the Southern railway might establish the same rates to points named as at present are made by other lines, thus placing the factories at Hickory and Winston-Salem on a shipping parity with those of Goldsboro, N. C.

FOUR MINERS ARE KILLED, NINE INJURED, BY EXPLOSION

Cause of the Disaster and Names of the Dead Unknown—Mine Only Recently Begun Operation.

Bluefield, W. Va., Aug. 2.—Four miners were killed and nine injured by an explosion in the mine at Bluefield, W. Va., today.

The cause of the explosion is unknown. The names of the killed are unknown.