

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

Williams vs. Settle—Let the Man Who was Elected Serve—A Scholarly North Carolinian—Cleveland is right in opposing Murphy—Other Points of Personal and Political Interest.

(Special to the Patriot.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31st, 1892.

I am reliably informed that several copies of the Raleigh paper, Webster's Weekly, have been sent to Col. O'Ferral, Chairman of the Committee on Elections, containing editorial paragraphs antagonistic to Hon. A. H. A. Williams in his coming contest with Thomas Settle, for a seat in the next Congress.

The same paper copies largely from the Washington Correspondence of the Charlotte Observer and exhort Mr. J. B. W. Harris, the correspondent, for taking up the cudgels in Mr. Williams' behalf. Personally, I have been always in favor of a square, open, honest fight in this matter.

There is a great deal of treachery and dishonesty—and falsifying—not to use a stronger term—in the average contested election case. Since our late fight with Tom Settle, I have felt that if Settle was elected we ought to have his seat, that Democratic Congress owed it to us to be honest men to seat him.

But I have seen evidence to believe that Mr. Williams which was not in when Governor Holt voted for him, and in the face of such evidence I know no man in the State would reverse his vote quicker than Governor Holt. This evidence is to be submitted to the Elections Committee of which Col. O'Ferral is Chairman.

It is not good policy for Webster's Weekly to try and forestall the action of the Committee by an attempt to seat Mr. Williams and his friends. The attempt will be futile, but it looks badly for a paper which I believe claims to be democratic, to take such a stand towards an able Democratic Congressman representing his own district.

Col. O'Ferral will not believe any statement which affects the truthful vote of Mr. Cleo W. Harris whom he has known for some years, and whom he saw constantly when Mr. Harris represented the Richmond Dispatch here. Mr. Harris was known to Congressman Williams for many years, and when he says he believes Baldy Williams was elected, he believes it, conscientiously.

He may be wrong, but I think he is right. His judgment may be influenced by the fact that he is a partisan democrat who never competes with the Third Party. Baldy Williams' mistake was that he did not do so.

Several things have been developed which the State canvassing board reported, strengthening his position. The truth of the business is, a few months ago nearly every editor and candidate in the State was willing to carry on a desperate fight with the Third Party, and would have done it, if they could!

I cannot recall but one editor who was not a fraud to say just what he thought of that dangerous factor in politics, and that one is Joe Caldwell. He fought it straight out from the beginning, and he told me two years ago that he advocated an honest warfare and not a compromise with the enemies of the Democracy!

crib long enough and I am sure Baldy Williams will hurry his Democratic constituents in as fast as he can. I will guarantee he would do any more flirting with the Third Party! Politicians of his practical turn do not coquet with cadavers, ghosts or mummies!

An interesting convention of scholars and teachers has just closed one of its sessions in this city. The meetings were held in the spacious law lecture room of the Columbian University. Its official name is "The Modern Language Association of America."

This was its tenth annual session. The Secretary was Prof. A. Marsh Elliott, a North Carolinian, now Professor of Romance Languages at Johns Hopkins University.

North Carolina ought not to ignore or forget those of her sons who make reputations outside of her borders. This Prof. Elliott is a very accomplished man and his native State has every reason to be proud of him and to say so.

He took the degree of A. B. at Haverford College in 1866 and A. M. in 1876—the degree of A. B. at Howard University, in 1888 and the degree of Ph. D. at Princeton College in 1877.

He was born in New York City, and doubtless has a great many relatives in the eastern part of the State. Carlisle and Crisp have both been to New York to confer with Mr. Cleveland during the Xmas holidays. It is understood here that Crisp and Cleveland are in perfect harmony.

It is also understood that Mr. Cleveland wants Mr. Carlisle to be his Secretary of the Treasury. A great many Cabinet states have been made and smashed. As no body knows but Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Dickenson, Col. Lamont, Mr. Whitney, Senator Vilas, and perhaps one or two more, who will be the lucky recipients of cabinet portfolios.

I went into the guessing business, and found your paper, needless speculations don't amount to anything and we will all know the Cabinet by March 31st. And we won't know it until then!

Martha Harrison has scarier fever at the White House. She is Russell Harrison's daughter. The McKee children are there also, and the Presidential family is practically quarantined.

The Evening News is a bright afternoon paper started here Dec. 17th. I hear that the New York Herald and Senator Stanford are behind it.

Christmas Festivities.

Mr. Euron: The first skirmish along the line of Christmas festivities in our community took place at Moriah church on Christmas eve. The Sabbath school of this church having previously determined to celebrate the occasion by having a Christmas tree. Consequently on Saturday evening quite a number of spectators had assembled on the church grounds to witness and participate in the joyous festivity.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Superintendent (Mr. R. G. Parker) announced that all things were ready, and requested the audience to rise and unite with the school in singing. After the singing, prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Lawson.

We were then entertained for a short time by a touching and appropriate address from Mr. Norman Wills, relating to the birth of Christ and his great love for us and the obligation due Him from us. Mr. Wills was followed by a short talk from the Rev. Mr. Lawson, pastor of Alhambra church.

He told us about the origin of some of the English modes of celebrating Christmas, among them: "Kissing under the mistletoe," and said as he looked at the rosy cheeks and ruddy lips of many of his audience he was tempted to wish that such was the custom here.

He then very touchingly referred to the origin of Christmas and explained why we celebrated the occasion by making presents to our friends. Then the distribution of the presents. As we looked at the beautiful tree growing as it were under its precious varieties of fruits and presents, and as we turned our eyes from it to glance upon sparkling eyes of the children, as their names were called out, we almost wished that we could be a child again.

When this beautiful tree had been stripped of its dazzling splendor and its varieties of fruit scattered among the audience, bringing joy and gladness to many hearts, we were again asked to unite in singing the long metre Doxology, after which the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Kennett.

It was indeed an enjoyable occasion. Even the old folks seemed to be intoxicated with pleasure. We trust that God in His goodness may abundantly bless this church and its Sabbath school. And that He may hasten the day when the hearts of all these children may be made glad in receiving that gift that is the greatest of gifts.

W. C. R. "And so you have thrown Tom over, Marjorie?" "Yes." "But I thought you loved him dearly." "I do, but he has rheumatism in his arms continually, and can't use them at all."—Buffalo Express.

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