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RESULT OF THE 1908 ELECTION.

Great Gains in Democratic Strength. Chairman Eller's Comment on the Returns.

Gain in Democratic vote on the State ticket over the vote in 1906, 21,880. Over the vote in 1904, 16,341. Glenn received in 1904, 128,761 votes. McNeill received in 1906, 128,272 votes. Kitchin received in 1908, 145,102 votes.

The State ticket carried in the Fifth district by 1,875 majority. The State ticket lost the Eighth district by 908 majority. The State ticket lost the Tenth district by 184 majority.

Except on presidential years, the 8th district is Democratic. Barring a colossal corruption fund, the 10th district is safely Democratic. Apart from local and personal contests, that may come to any party at any time, the 5th district is a rock-ribbed stronghold of Democracy and will remain so.

The Republican vote this year is a mere spurt. It is abnormal and cannot be maintained. It was their last opportunity to fool and frighten the illiterate vote about the suffrage amendment. It was their last and golden opportunity to practice duplicity in regard to both railroad and prohibition legislation. It was their year to use the power of commercialism in politics to frighten the honest and timid and to purchase the purchasable.

The Democratic gain this year, great as it appears, is normal, and will be maintained. The Democratic party is accustomed to cast a large vote each election, because it has worthy measures and men to be voted for. Not so with the Republicans. Since 1896 thousands of Republicans have refused to vote because they had no stomach for their party. This time they were able to sit up and take their medicine even in company with a large increase of the brother-in-black.

The Democrats have taken notice and are glad to know just what the utmost strength of their opponents is. They are glad for the people of North Carolina to know that they are safe so long as the true Democracy remains true,—true to principle, true to party unity and true at the ballot box. They are glad for the people to be reminded how easily the benefits of white supremacy can be lost,—lost irreparably the moment the negroes present themselves to their old allies in charge of the registration and election laws.

The chief boast of the Republicans is that Bryan's majority is only 22,848. In 1900 it was only 24,000, with a much smaller vote than he received this year. Judge Parker had a larger majority in 1904, but his vote that year was 124,111. Mr. Bryan's vote this year is 186,927,—a gain for Mr. Bryan on the presidential vote of 12,806.

What hope for Republicans or fear for Democrats springs from the see-saw record of the 8th and 10th districts? Examine the table:

Year.	Senate.	House.	Joint.	
1900	89	101	140	Dem.
1902	8	17	25	Rep.
1904	8	2	5	Pop.
1906	43	108	146	Dem.
1908	6	17	28	Rep.
	1		1	Ind.
1904	44	99	143	Dem.
1906	6	21	27	Rep.
1908	46	98	144	Dem.
	4	22	26	Rep.
1908	41	95	136	Dem.
	9	25	34	Rep.

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CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

Visits His Old Home. Promotion for Cotton Mill Superintendent.

Concord Times Nov. 30th. I. B. Covington, formerly of Concord, who has been for some time superintendent of the Mt. Holly Cotton Mill, has been promoted to general superintendent of this and the Albion Mills at Mt. Holly.

The barn of C. J. Deal of Landis, was burned early Saturday morning and in the fire two cows and a quantity of roughness were burned. The opinion is that the fire was caused by tramps sleeping in the barn that night.

Rev. C. W. Belk, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Albemarle, has tendered his resignation, the pastorate to close December 31, 1908. This was done in order that Mr. Belk might accept the office of general evangelist in the Synod of North Carolina.

Chas. J. Litaker, of No. 11 township, and Miss Magdalene Messamer, of No. 9, were married November 24th. The ceremony was performed at the St. John's parsonage by Rev. V. Y. Booser.

H. W. Castor, of No. 5 township, who has been ill for some time, was again stricken with paralysis last week, and his condition is serious.

R. B. Williams and Miss Lottie Ferrell, Forest Hill, were married last night, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. L. Hutchins.

George H. Cress, of Fillmore, Ill., arrived here from that State last Friday on a visit to relatives and friends. Mr. Cress' father, the late Eli Cress, took him to Illinois in 1855 when he was only a year old, and he came back to his native county six years ago for the first time. He is a nephew of Sandy Cress, and Mrs. John Boger, of No. 6, is his aunt. Mr. Cress will be in this section about two months before returning to Illinois.

Ralph Alexander, of No. 8 township, met with a serious accident last Saturday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock, which resulted in the loss of one eye. He was engaged in putting a washer on the slide of his buggy, and was using his knife to fasten it in place. In some way the knife slipped or the leather broke, his knife point striking him in his left eye. Mr. Alexander jumped from the buggy, exclaiming to his brother: "I've cut my eye out!" He immediately started for his home, but before he got there the eye had gone out. Dr. Bell, of Mooreville, was telephoned for, and reached there about 8:30. After making examination Dr. Bell thought it best to take him to a hospital. He was accordingly taken to Charlotte, where an operation was performed Sunday morning. We are glad to know that Mr. Alexander is doing as well as could be expected. He is very popular in his community, and his many friends will much regret to hear of his misfortune.

Early last Tuesday morning a boy 17 years old, whose name is withheld, returned to Dr. W. L. Ezell the motor and hand pieces stolen from the latter's office Monday morning. Dr. Ezell refused to receive it until the boy's father came with him. The boy says he stole the motor because he wanted to experiment with it. He had a pocket full of keys to fit almost any door. He says he entered Dr. Ezell's office about 6 o'clock Monday morning and stole the machine.

The Driveway.

Thos. A. Barry and Co., of Richmond, have been awarded the contract for the macadam and concrete work on the driveway from South Main street to the National cemetery. It is stated that arrangements are being made by the firm mentioned, to begin work at an early date.

ENGINEER KILLED.

A Horrible Murder Committed Near Town of East Durham.

News was received at Spencer last Thursday morning, of the brutal and cowardly murder of Engineer Fred Holt, at East Durham.

The engineer was pulling a freight train from Spencer to Selma and stopped at the coal chute in East Durham to get a supply of coal. His fireman was T. R. Taylor, a white man, who with Mr. Holt, lived at Spencer. The coaling being finished and the engine having been oiled up Mr. Holt was in his cab looking after his lubricators. Suddenly Taylor heard a shot and looking around saw the engineer fall. Taylor saw a man with a shotgun making off from the coal chute, but was not able to say whether or not he was a white man. He at once called for help and physicians were hastily summoned. Every thing possible was done for the victim of the assassin but he died about an hour after being shot. An examination by the physicians showed that something like one hundred shot had entered the left side, near the heart.

The remains of Mr. Holt were brought to Spencer Thursday night and were met at the depot by a large number of friends and acquaintances.

When the news was broken to the widow of the slain engineer there was a scene which can better be imagined than described. A daughter lay ill at home and was in a very critical condition. Anxiety for her safety caused the stricken wife and mother to exercise all her self-control and she bore up quite bravely later under the terrible blow.

Engineer Holt had been in the service of the railroad company since boyhood and was a valued and trusted employe. He leaves four brothers, three of whom were in Durham as soon as possible after the sad news reached them.

There has been a number of conjectures as to the motive of the murderer, but it is generally believed that the act was committed by some one whose enmity the slain engineer had incurred in some unknown way. The deceased had the reputation of being a genial, jolly, good-natured man and his friends are at sea as to the cause of the murder.

The Power of the President of the United States.

UPON WHOM CAN HE RELY?

(1) Upon all army and navy officers who hope for distinction, promotion and larger pay.

(2) Upon all who for various reasons enlist in our armies and navies, where they can assure good pay and life pensions when disabled.

(3) Upon all army and navy contractors who supply our armies and navies with guns, ships and all army and navy supplies to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars.

(4) Upon a great standing army of it may be two hundred thousand and office holders scattered all over our country, in every city and town, who are anxious to retain their offices and ready to use every effort through the press, public meetings, dinners, speeches and otherwise to sustain the administration which sustains them.

Probably no man in the world (unless it be the Czar of Russia) has greater power than our President in time of war.

Would it not be a wise provision of law to limit the presidential office to one term of four years?

GEO. T. ANGELL. We are inclined to a second term when a president performs faithfully and well the duties of his office, but believe that his power should either be abridged or qualified by congressional cooperation. Some measures should be adopted that would prevent this great office being used as a political asset during a contest for it.

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LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Wonderful Pileup of One-Dollar Bills. That "Hind Leg" Matter.

Lexington Dispatch, Dec. 9th. The Dispatch has plenty of 2-, 3- and 5-year subscriptions paid up, and quite a number of ten years, but not until the recent contest did it get one paid up for 20 years. This takes the cake.

Mrs. Jefferson J. Hedrick, of the county, who sustained a fracture of the hip last week in falling, is getting along nicely and is not considered in any danger. Her son, J. J. Hedrick, of Lexington, spent Sunday with her.

Cotton has been pouring into town for the last week. The price remains around 9 cents. Perhaps more is being ginned at this time than last year. The cotton organizations are doing their utmost to keep farmers from selling until the price goes higher.

The number of one-dollar bills is so great that they are being packed up in bale-like hay, in Lexington. Nobody ever saw as many before. They are being packed up in money drawers, chokes, cash registers, bulge in pockets. If it keeps up, one will be forced to load his money into a wheelbarrow when he goes to market, as they do in China, and other places. You may think this is overdrawn, but you are solemnly assured that the half has not been told. Dollar bills stick out of the roofs and windows of the banks. Where did they all come from? Some fellow says they all follow an election. What!

The knitting mill building has been repaired and completed, but contrary to reports published, the house will not be used, at least at the present, for a knitting mill. The Peacock Cough Company, now occupying the old building, is figuring on taking the place.

J. R. Stone, of Thomasville township, met with bad luck Thursday as he was getting out of his buggy. His foot caught and he fell to the ground, dislocating and splintering his left arm. He has been suffering great pain, but apprehends no serious injury to the limb. His friends hope that he will soon be well.

It was reported that Jordan Shutt, a farmer in the Arcadia section of this county, was robbed last week of \$800, that it was taken from his house, and that a strange white man was suspected of having crept into the kitchen and secured the money; but a thorough investigation revealed the fact that the money had slipped down behind a bureau, and it was swiftly recovered. There are three banks in Lexington where moths and thieves and anxiety are all eliminated.

In the Dean case against the Southern, a new trial will be asked on the ground that the remark of Judge Long about the "hind leg" was prejudicial to the case. It will be remembered that Attorney Garland asked leave to change the wording of the complaint so that the plaintiff's injuries would be set forth as being sustained on the left leg instead of the right, as was stated in the complaint—a mistake due to the stenographer. Judge Long asked humorously, why not make it the hind leg and be done with it. Hence the appeal.

A Fine Corn Crop.

A Shiloh man tells The Landmark that J. A. L. Deal, of that township, made this year 1,120 bushels of sound corn on 28 acres—an average of 40 bushels per acre—without the use of fertilizer. The yield is a fine one—an unusual one without the use of fertilizer. Mr. Deal attributes his success to deep plowing. He plowed the land thoroughly and deep before the corn was planted. After the planting there was no more plowing, only the cultivator being used. The result justifies all that can be said in favor of deep plowing.—Statesville Landmark.

EXPLOSION TEARS UP THINGS.

Boiler Goes to Pieces Suddenly and Considerable Damage is Done.

At 12:30 o'clock today a boiler exploded at the ginney and saw mill of Ed. Goodman, located just beyond Cold Water Creek at the Dan Cook place, when Lloyd Haynes, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Haynes, of No. 5 township, was fatally injured and the engine, boiler and shed under which it was placed were blown into atoms.

Mr. Goodman and young Haynes were at the engine preparing to start up after taking their noonday lunch, and while Mr. Goodman was under the gin placing a belt, young Haynes was at the engine turning the driving wheel with his hands, in order to assist in getting the belts regulated. A leak sprung in the front end of the boiler, and before either of the men realized the situation, the big steam, death-dealing machine rose up from its bed and with an explosion that was heard for a mile distant, leaped through space a distance of one hundred and fifty feet, totally wrecking the shed under which it had been placed and scattering the brick foundation for several hundred yards to the east and south of the site, covering the hillside with debris and steam pipes, fixtures, etc., and at the same time imbedding the young man Haynes in the brick wall with his head pinned against the driving wheel at which he was at work.

The boy was taken from the wreck and it was found that his left leg, from just below the knee down was broken and mashed in to a pulp, his right leg broken just below the thigh and his left arm had been splintered and broken in one or more places. He was conveyed to the home of Mr. Luther Neiler, where he is now lying in a dying condition, bleeding internally and threatened with congestive chills. It is said that the young man cannot live many hours, if he is not dead before the paper goes to press.

The shed in which the boiler had been placed is a complete and total wreck, and the pine grove thirty to one hundred feet north of the site is blackened with the steam that spouted from the broken pipes as the big mass of iron took its flight through the air.

Mr. Goodman has been operating the ginney for several months and Haynes was retained there as a helper. Brown Bostian and Henry Barnhardt were at the gin at the time of the explosion, but were on the upper side of the gin and did not come in contact with any of the flying mass of timber and fixtures that were scattered broadcast over the field. Had not Haynes been between the engine and boiler, he would have been blown into eternity instantly.

A force of hands who had been operating a wood saw at the lower end and directly in the path of the big boiler, had knocked off for dinner and had not returned to work when the explosion occurred. There were five of them at work there this morning and all were to have returned after the dinner hour to resume work.

The boiler was an old one and had been in use for probably 20 years, having been used by the late Joe Miesheimer, who died from the effects of steam escaping from the same boiler in 1898.

This is Worth Reading.

Leo F. Zelinski, of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at all drug stores. 25c.

ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

A Death of Marriages. Merchants to Make War on Bad Debtors.

Stanly Enterprise, Dec. 8rd.

During the past year there seems to have been quite a dearth of marriages in our community. Revs. Sprinkle and Stover, each had a record-breaker in having, for the first time in their ministry, spent a year without performing a marriage ceremony. But the matrimonial bee has already begun to buzz, and a new era seems to be dawning. Our girls—from the veriest old maid (and we have none of these) down to the blushing young lassie of sweet sixteen who is receiving her first basket of fruit from a beau and imagines she is in love—are rather in the majority. But there is already a suggested activity on the part of the young men, whose number is decorated by several old bachelors, and the year 1909 bodes good for the noble institution of matrimony, and our ministers' wives may yet plan the investment of several fees. It matters not that the advance bulletins sent out by Dame Rumor are not always correct. The spirit of Roosevelt pervades the atmosphere and there is to be no race suicide.

Miss Willie Pemberton returned Saturday from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Concord and Salisbury.

The merchants and business men of the place who depend upon retail trade have organized themselves into the "Stanly County Association of Retail Credit Men." This movement is to protect themselves against dead-beats and that class of people who seek credit and won't pay their bills. All such names will be placed on a blacklist, and none of the members of the association will extend credit to any name on such blacklist.

A pretty marriage occurred on Wednesday eve, November 25, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Sallie Shankle, below Norwood, when her youngest daughter, Miss Ora, was married to J. T. Brady, of Bowershill, Va. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Courtney, in the presence of many relatives and friends of the bride.

B. B. Miller, Esq., of Salisbury, spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with his brother I. D. Miller.

Goldsboro Waking Up.

At 9:30 o'clock yesterday at the west end of Walnut street, right in front of the new passenger depot that is now ready for occupancy, in the presence of a great assemblage of citizens, both men and women, the first spike in the construction of Goldsboro's electric street railway was driven. The assemblage also included, besides the mayor, the members of the board of aldermen, the president of the chamber of commerce, members of the board of trustees of the Goldsboro public schools and the board of county commissioners. When time was called by Col. J. E. Robinson, who had been selected to "boss" the special force, Mayor Ormond and ex-Mayor J. E. Peterson, in driving the first spikes, "fell wild" in brief intervals, to the hilarious enjoyment of the throng of spectators. E. T. Oliver, of the Goldsboro Traction Company, the moving spirit of the enterprise, was present and was most cordial in his greetings to the people present—Goldsboro, N. C., special to Charlotte Observer.

Coughs that are tight, or distressing tickling coughs, get quick and certain help from Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. On this account Druggists everywhere are favoring Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. And it is entirely free from Opium, Chloroform, or any other stupefying drug. The tender leaves of a harmless lung-healing mountainous shrub give to Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy its curative properties. These leaves have the power to calm the most distressing Cough, and to soothe and heal the most sensitive bronchial membrane. Mothers should, for safety's sake alone, always demand Dr. Shoop's. It can with perfect freedom be given to even the youngest babies. Test it once yourself and see! Sold by Cornelison & Cook.

STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

Another Corn Story. Season for Bird Shooting Has Opened.

Statesville Landmark, Dec. 1st.

The open season for bird shooting in Irédell begins today and from now till March 1st partridges are at the mercy of every fellow who can fire a gun. The season is too long. It should not exceed 80 days—60 days at most.

The condition of Dr. H. F. Long, who has been suffering from blood poison for week, is very much improved and his early recovery is expected. In leaving the home of a patient one night about ten days ago, Dr. Long fell an obstruction in the darkness and suffered a slight injury to his leg. The injury was so slight as hardly to attract attention but poison developed a few days later.

Some days ago Rev. J. J. Rhyne, of Olin community, reported to The Landmark that he had killed two pigs that weighed 601 pounds. Thereupon J. M. Cody, of Turnersburg community, reported that he had killed one pig that weighed 828, more than half as much as Mr. Rhyne's two. Mr. Rhyne, however, isn't satisfied that he has been beaten in the hog. He wants to know how much both Cody's shoats weighed—if the two weighed as much as his two.

The new county officers are getting their bonds in shape preparatory to taking hold at court house next Monday. J. E. Boyd's resignation as city tax collector and superintendent of water works is effective today and his successor, W. L. Neely takes charge today. Mr. Boyd becomes register of deeds next Monday.

J. M. Lippard, of Fallstown township, whose experiments in corn growing were mentioned in The Landmark recently, was showing some of his corn in town last week. On one acre of bottom land, without the use of fertilizer, Mr. Lippard made 64 bushels and he thinks he lost 10 to 15 bushels by flood. The corn on this acre grew two or three ears to the stalk—long, fine ears, large grain and small cobs.

Thomas Clodfelter and Miss Annie Bailey were married here last Wednesday by Rev. T. B. Johnson. For long, long years Mr. Tommy had been the particular catch of the marriageable ladies but they fished and fished in vain. The deduction was that a man who could be so considerate, kind and indulgent to his aged mother would likewise be the same to a wife. Correct of a verity, but Mr. Tommy drove down into Rowan county and took unto himself a wife. The other girls will fish no more for Tommy.

In recent years it is by no means uncommon for objection to be made—by preacher or people—to the appointment made by a Methodist Conference, and it is getting more and more common for preachers to refuse appointments, while sometimes the people refuse the preacher. Two appointments made for the Statesville district at the recent session of the Western North Carolina Conference have been declined. Rev. J. P. Lanning, who was pastor at East Spencer last year and who was appointed to Irédell circuit to succeed Rev. J. C. Keever, sent to Sparta circuit on the Sparta circuit on the Mt. Airy district, has asked to be excused from work on the ground of poor health. Rev. W. E. Edmundson, appointed to Hickory circuit, has refused his appointment. Presiding Elder Huggins is now looking for men to fill these vacancies. [And to this list may be added the name of Rev. A. W. Plyler, recently presiding elder of this district.—Ed.]

A Dangerous Operation

is the removal of the appendix by a surgeon. No one who takes Dr. King's New Life Pills is ever subjected to this frightful ordeal. They work so quietly you don't feel them. They cure constipation, biliousness and malaria. 25c at all drug stores.