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ROOSEVELT AND HIS COMMISSIONS.

If Roosevelt's term were to last much longer there is no telling to what extent he would carry the Government's paternalism in the way of appointing commissions to look into the affairs and conditions of the various classes of the people. He seems to have a perfect infatuation for this sort of thing. His latest was the commission for studying the condition of the rural population, especially devoted to the Southern States, with the idea of bettering their condition. That struck many as being a great departure from the duties and functions of the Federal Government. This is only one of the many investigating commissions he has appointed during his incumbency of the Presidential chair. Several others have been appointed for purposes almost as foreign to the duties of his office or of the Government.

There is another commission which, it is said, he is desirous of appointing, and knowing ones in Washington think that only the "short" time left him prevents its appointment. It is a commission to study the condition of the negro and recommend ways and means for the uplifting of that race. Booker Washington must have put this idea into his head, for it is said the latter has been in conference with the President several times this week. A Washington dispatch says the exact results of the conferences have not been announced, but it is expected that if another uplift commission does not come from it there will be an additional uplifting contrivance attached to the farmers' uplift commission so as to uplift also the negro and his sociological conditions.

Why can't President Roosevelt confine himself to the duties of his office? He can find enough work there to occupy his time and his brain. The Southern people do not want his meddling with their local affairs. They are getting along well enough without it. They are able to fight their own battles and work out their own social and economic salvation. So he should let them alone.

CONGRESSIONAL VOTE IN THIS STATE.

The State Canvassing board met, according to law, on Thursday and began the work of canvassing the election returns, from the counties. It first took up the election of congressmen. The tabulated returns showed the following results: John H. Small, Democrat, was elected in the First district by a majority of 7,776 over Meekins, his Republican opponent. In the Second district the majority of Kitchin over Ferguson, his Republican opponent was 8,914. In the Third district Thomas, Democrat, defeated Hill, Republican, by a majority of 3,648. In the Fourth district Poe, Democrat, was elected over Briggs, Republican, by a majority of 4,497. In the Fifth district Morehead, Republican, was elected over Brooks the Democratic candidate by a majority of 348. F. S. Blair, Prohibitionist, received 62 votes and J. P. Taylor, Socialist, 174. In the Sixth district Godwin, Democrat, was elected by a majority of 1,375 over Slocumb, his Republican opponent. In the Seventh district Page, Democrat, received a majority of 4,328 over the Republican candidate, Walsler. In the Eighth district Cowles, Republican, had a majority of 1,375 over Hockell, the Democratic nominee. In the Ninth district Webb was elected over his Republican opponent, Smith, by a majority of 3,016. In the Tenth district the election went to Grant, Republican, over Crawford, Democrat, by a majority of 361. From the above it will be seen that the majority of the seven Democrats elected ranged from 3,016 to 8,914, while only one of the Republicans elected received a majority going into four figures, the majorities of the other two being less than 400 each. It will also be noted that in the Fifth district alone were any votes cast for candidates other than those of the two leading parties.

MIXED SCHOOLS AT THE NORTH.

The discussion of mixed schools has been somewhat renewed in the press by the recent decision in the case of Berea College, Kentucky, in which it was decided by the Federal Supreme Court that the State law, prohibiting the co-education at such institutions

in that State was constitutional.

Many of the Northern States have no law providing for separate schools for white children and negroes, Massachusetts being one of them. Many persons who are already aware of that fact will be surprised, however, to know that as far back as 1800 the races were separated in the schools of Boston, and furthermore, that the city ordinance requiring such separation of the school children was adopted on a petition of the negro residents of the city, who complained that race prejudice there was so great that their children did not receive fair treatment from teachers or white pupils. In 1849 the Supreme Court of that State decided that it was lawful for the school board to provide separate schools for negroes. There are no race restrictions in that State now, not even at the University of Harvard. Speaking of admitting negroes to that University President Eliot has said that "perhaps if there were as many negroes here as in Mississippi or Kentucky we might find it best to segregate them." This remark shows Dr. Eliot's real views on the subject of mixed schools generally. There are many others there and in other Northern States who feel as he does but who fear to express their real views.

NATIONAL POLITICS AND PARTIES.

Here is how the Saturday Evening Post sizes up the political situation as regards national parties:

"After all the apologists are done, those election returns exhibit the alleged Jeffersonians in a State of dissolution. They are not even effective opposition. This year, Bryan, the radical, running against Taft, the conservative, was about as badly beaten as Parker, the conservative, running against Roosevelt, the radical, was four years ago. In the last four contests the Republicans have averaged pretty well up to two-thirds of the electoral vote.

"The solid South goes Democratic from local causes. Without it, that party would be nowhere. That it carried some Northern State elections signifies nothing. The votes there turned upon local issues. So there is today no advocate of a national policy, opposed to the policy of the Republicans, that need be taken into practical account."

High Point people celebrated Thanksgiving in a truly Christian way, carrying out one of the real objects of the occasion which is so often overlooked by those who devote it to their own enjoyment. A special from that city to the Charlotte Observer of yesterday says:

"One of the grandest spectacles in the history of the city was witnessed yesterday afternoon when 1,200 school children marched down the main streets, each one of them carrying an offering for the needy poor of the city. It spoke well for High Point and the coming generation which is to take the place of the older heads. When the 1,200 packages were at last deposited in the shop of J. W. Sechrist they made three wagon loads, comprising almost everything imaginable to eat. The chairman of the Associated Charities made the distribution today."

Now that the election is over and Taft has received a popular majority of over a million votes it seems to us that it is time for the press of the South to hold up in its adverse criticism of him, at least until it can learn whether or not he is going to be a sectional President or is going to give all sections a fair show. We, for one, do not ask any special favors of him for our section, nor do we think the people of the South want any. What they want is simply an ignoring of all sectional lines. Self-respect will prevent their asking anything more.

Horace Vose, the Rhode Island turkey raiser, did not forget the President this year. The Roosevelt family sat down to their Thanksgiving dinner at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening with a 26-pound Vose farm turkey on the table. This Rhode Islander has been supplying the White House occupants with their Thanksgiving turkey for a good many years. Even with his big salary Roosevelt ought to be glad that he did not have to pay Wilmington prices for a 26-pound turkey for his Thanksgiving dinner.

One of the alleged leaders of the mob which lynched Captain Rankin at Reelfoot Lake has paid the penalty of his crime, but at the hands of a higher law than that made by man. He died of a congestive chill while awaiting trial.

The will of the late Joseph Bryan, of Richmond, Va., owner of the Times-Dispatch, has been admitted to probate. The estate is valued at \$750,000. It is needless to tell our readers that this fortune was not made in the newspaper business alone.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Ohio State Journal gives Mr. Roosevelt a hint that, although there are more than 250,000 words in the English language, it is not necessary for him to use them all in a presidential message. The grievance is not so much that Mr. Roosevelt uses so many words, but that, like another "bluff prince" Hal, he has "damnable iteration."—Columbia State.

"We shall be much disappointed if Iowa's selection of Governor Cummins to succeed Mr. Allison in the United States Senate does not prove a dis-

tingent and important reinforcement to the forces of integrity and sane reform in that body. The Senator-elect is a man of high ability and of enlightened views, of pronounced convictions, but not radical. We foretell for him a career of more than ordinary honor and usefulness.—Virginia Pilot.

The stingless bee, recently developed by breeders, appears to be no good. It produces honey in sufficient abundance, but somehow that honey lacks zest almost entirely. Some time ago the announcement was made that the onion, as formidable among vegetables as the bee among insects, had been robbed of its odor. Who believes that it caters to any merit under undergoing such a subtraction? We are not particularly hospitable to scientists who produce results of no more value to mankind than this.—Charlotte Observer.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company gave out a statement Sunday showing that more than \$25,000,000 has been paid out by the employees' relief funds of the Pennsylvania Railroad system since the organization of these departments. Since July, 1880, on the lines west of Pittsburg, and February, 1880, on the lines east, \$15,050,644 has been paid to members, who, because of illness or accident, have been incapacitated for work. The remainder, \$10,276,227, has been paid to the families of members who have died. On the lines east of Pittsburg and Erie, where the relief fund has been in operation more than 22 years, the total sum that has been paid out in benefits is \$18,485,753, of which \$10,981,480 was on account of disabilities through sickness or accident. The remainder, \$7,504,272, was paid in death benefits.—New York Press.

For a dozen years Mr. Bryan has had a wonderfully strong hold on the American people, or a number thereof, but the vote he has received indicates that his popularity has waned. In 1896 he was defeated by a popular plurality of 601,854. In 1900 the popular plurality against him was \$49,790. This year it is 1,100,000. In several States he ran behind the State ticket. The combined pluralities against the State tickets amount to a little over 400,000, or 700,000 less than the plurality against Mr. Bryan. The plurality vote against him in his third race is 500,000 more than it was in his first race. He has a following that adheres to him through thick and thin, and he has lost many followers, and in his last campaign many supported him who had never done so before, while many who had been his supporters declined to vote for him. For a man who has met only defeat in his whole career as a National leader, Mr. Bryan's popularity and influence have been well sustained, but the figures indicate their decline.—Nashville American.

TWINKINGS.

"—ra, what's a dead language?" "Any old language after your mother gets through with it."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"—Married, eh?" "Yep." "I thought it was purely a platonic affection."

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