

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Congress—Sixth District, GILBERT B. PATTERSON, of Robeson.

LEGISLATIVE TICKET.

For the House—George H. Merton, For the Senate—George H. Bellamy.

COUNTY TICKET.

Clerk Superior Court—Jno. D. Taylor, Sheriff—Frank H. Seaman.

THEY MUST BE CHECKED.

With all the grasping greed and extortion of the trusts nothing has occurred since trusts were organized to attract attention upon them and bring them squarely before the American people like the conduct of the Coal Trust magnates has since the coal strike began.

It began its contest with its 140,000 striking miners, and the contest grew until it embraced in its effects the whole country and brought millions of people to be confronted by a coal famine, almost as bad as a food famine, and yet in its arrogance it refused to parley with the miners, or to listen to appeals in behalf of the millions of people who depend upon its mines for coal.

It is so very long ago that it was the rule with Republican spokesmen to deny that there were any trusts, while even now they talk about combines which are "raggedly called trusts," a half way apologetic style of referring to the trust question; but the high-handed and dictatorial bearing of the Coal Trust magnates has left no doubt that it is a trust, and one which finds no one outside of its own immediate influence to apologize for or say a friendly word in its behalf.

Even some of the Republican statesmen, chiming in with President Roosevelt, who fell in with the growing popular sentiment on the Trust question, statesmen who twelve months ago denied the existence of trusts, are now outspoken against them and the anthracite Coal Trust in particular. It may be that they feel that they are in accord with the people in this, or perhaps they mean it, and are really indignant at the Trust which can so defy public sentiment and subject people to the ordeal that it has subjected

the many thousands of people that depend upon it for coal.

One of these is Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the close and confidential friend of President Roosevelt, who, in addressing a Republican club in Boston just after the failure of the conference between the President and the Trust representatives, expressed his sentiments as follows:

"With the matter in the position in which it now is, I do not wish to say what I think at this instant of the merits of the case as presented to the committee after the conference in Washington."

"I feel rather strongly in regard to the attitude taken by some of the conferees, but I do not think it is the part of wisdom, while the matter is still pending, to take any further or aggressive attitude, which is not only unwise; but there is one thing which I think we can all say, and that is, that the President of the United States has acted in a manner which all Americans, without regard to party, approve."

"The President will not let the matter rest where it is. He has from any economic question, the coal companies of Pennsylvania do not to-day stand in a position where they can ask for protection, even if they needed it. I think it is a fair illustration of the wisdom of what the President has been saying in various speeches in New England and elsewhere in regard to the necessity of some Government supervision, which is the fashion to call trusts, and there are certain large corporations in the anthracite coal fields, and this strike shows the necessity of some kind of supervision and regulation by the national Government of these great corporations which produce the necessities of life. These great corporations are useful to business, they are necessary to us in the economic question of the present time. They are as essential to modern business as anything can possibly be. They are good servants, but they are dangerous masters."

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OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Republican stumpers, at the head of whom stands Jeter Claimont Pritchard, pretend to be great friends of popular education and endeavor to create the impression that the Democratic party is not friendly to public schools.

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HON. CYRUS B. WATSON

Spoke to an Appreciative Audience in the Court House Last Night.

NATIONAL AND STATE ISSUES

Said the People Looked to the East for Majority to Overcome Possible Minority in the West. Shot at the Independence, Etc.

The crowd which heard the Hon. Cyrus B. Watson in the Court House last night was not large for a combination of reasons, but those who were present heard in a speech of about an hour and a half the plain, unadorned Democratic faith so characteristic of the noble champion of the people's rights that Mr. Watson is known to be.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Geo. L. Peschau, of the Democratic County Executive Committee, who asked ex-Judge E. K. Bryan to present the speaker of the evening. Mr. Bryan referred to Mr. Watson's splendid service to the party of his fathers, to the Confederacy and to his State. He also adverted to the fact that in 1896 Mr. Watson led a forlorn hope for the Democratic party in sacrificing his name at the mast head of the State ticket and recounted his efforts on the stump in the memorable campaign of 1898.

Mr. Watson received with applause and at the outset took occasion to thank the people of New Hanover county for their support in 1896, at a time when it was a little less than useless to cast a ballot in the hope of Democratic success. Prefacing his further remarks, he said the old-time enemy was again in our front, the same as it was two, four, six and eight years ago, and the same it had been for the last third of a century. They are no more fit to govern and direct the destinies of this great State than they were when we were first confronted with the days of reconstruction, he said. We are informed since the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment, he went on to say, that we are to have a lily white Republican party, but it is not so. The white Republican leader tells us that they are glad of it and rejoice with us; but that is another lie.

"I ask the Republicans," said Mr. Watson, "who took the burst cork off it was the soap of the Democratic Amendment, and they squirmed and squealed when it was being applied worse than a dirty-faced boy in the lap of his mother before a wash tub. Now they ask the voters to punish the white people who did it by turning them out of power."

Mr. Watson next launched into a discussion of the tariff and declared it a question for great study. He said he believed a discussion of the subject would land the Democratic party in power two years hence and the remark was applauded. Free trade was a misnomer. The Democrats want a tariff revision; that is all. They are not free traders, but they do object to a tariff indiscriminately applied and framed for the enrichment of the classes. Pritchard has been trying to establish himself as a friend to the cotton mill industry. Intelligent mill men say they have had a hard time under the Dingley bill; they have not been benefited one cent. And further, every cotton mill in 1902 is having to pay from 20 to 40 per cent. more for machinery to equip them. That tariff which sells products of American manufacturers cheaper across the ocean than it does at home, forces revision and needs it bad.

He said he was not capable of entering into a broad discussion of the Philippine question, and prompted by Mr. George Rountree, he said it was a question which even the U. S. Supreme Court did not seem to understand. He spoke of the glory and grandeur of this nation and drew a contrast with the reprehensible kind of warfare we are waging against poor, defenceless men, women and children who are defending their homes and firesides. It was the same principle of an invading army which made the Confederates so invincible as long as they lasted. We have lost from ten to twenty-five thousand young men in the conflict and have slain more men, women and children and burned more homes than were destroyed in 800 years of Spanish rule. The number of Philippines butchered was between 300,000 and 500,000 and half of them were women and children. It was a great sin for which the nation must suffer.

"Now I am done with that and I am coming right down home. Have you registered? Forsyth county expects every New Hanover Democrat to register and vote. We heeded your call in '98 and helped to deliver you. The fight is now transferred to the middle and West, where we are about evenly divided this year, and we need your majority. That's what I am doing in this side-water section for, and I have come to bring you that message from my people."

Thus Mr. Watson introduced a personal appeal to the Democrats of the East to remain in unbroken ranks and banish from the minds of the Republicans any future possibility of their ascendancy to power in this State. The amendment was only the planting of the crop; now the crop needs cultivation. It can't be cultivated outside the ranks of the party. Forsyth heard the cry of New Hanover in '98 and they thought they heard the roar of a lion; not the braying of a jackal. (Applause.) It is with the people of the East whether by reduced majorities we are to have a fight for all time to come. What hope has the Republican party if the Democrats are mindful of their duty? None. This very day in the counties of Chatham and Moore the white men have about evenly divided themselves, and we find white people unscrupulous enough to urge the negro to register, and backed by white men he is as brazen and as glass-eyed as ever. That Independent,

ism, so-called, threatens the Democracy. He declared the average "Independent" a fellow who straddles the fence, sets himself up greater than his party, and must needs go every year and let his neighbor know where he stands. He is the same in the church as he is in politics, and finally kicks out of the traces and says he is too good to affiliate with any of them.

Mr. Watson closed his speech with an explosion of Pritchard's claim that he and his party were the champions of the business interests of the State. He said the Democratic party would stand when all the trouble is over upon the side of equal and exact justice to all. The next Legislature would frame tax laws fair and equitable to persons and corporations. There will be no distinction and to the capitalists who seek investment here, he said the structures of government would permit no discrimination for or against.

Mr. Watson closed with another fervent appeal for the party to stick together and make a final parting shot at the "Independents" which brought forth applause.

NEWS OF THE MARKETS AND SHIPPING

Daily Meeting of Commerce Chamber Members—Cotton Steamer Cleared.

For the first time this season spirits turpentine went to 50 cents yesterday on the local market. Receipts were 47 casks.

After discharging cargo of 478 bales of cotton at the compresses of Messrs. Sprunt & Son, the steamer Planter returned to Georgetown, S. C., yesterday morning.

The British steamer Gladys cleared yesterday with a cargo of 7,010 bales of cotton, consigned by Messrs. Sprunt & Son to parties in Bremen, Germany. The receipts of cotton yesterday were 3,481 bales against 906 bales, same day last year.

James Monroe, a colored stevedore assisting in loading the schooner Pasadena, fell from the top of the slide, a distance of 30 feet, into the river yesterday afternoon. The only damage was a good washing, which might have been out of place.

The Chamber of Commerce is experimenting with the proposition to have as many members as possible meet on the Exchange floors for an interchange of views, etc., each day at 12:15 o'clock. Such a meeting, it is set forth, will be mutually beneficial to all.

COAST LINE STOCKHOLDERS.

Special Meeting Called to Take Action on Louisville and Nashville Purchase.

An Associated Press dispatch from New York last night says: "The directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company met in this city to-day and decided to hold a special stockholders' meeting in Richmond, Va., on November 17th, to take action on the Louisville and Nashville purchase. No other business was transacted at to-day's meeting."

Trial in the County Jail.

A preliminary trial by a magistrate inside the county jail was the unusual spectacle witnessed by many yesterday at noon. Justice Bornemann was presiding, and the prisoner at the bar was the bad South Carolina negro arrested by Justice Bornemann and Policeman H. P. Merritt in Droas Neck Tuesday night. The charge was assault and battery with a deadly weapon. The negro confessed the offense and also that he had been in the penitentiary and had about a man "down South." He was held for the higher court in default of \$100 justified bond.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Argument by Counsel to Jury in Penny Case Was Commenced Yesterday Afternoon.

TESTIMONY FOR DEFENDANT.

Eight Witnesses Were Introduced in the Morning in Behalf of the Railroad. Suit of Love Against the R. C. E. R. Co. Continued.

Another entire day in the Superior Court was consumed yesterday in a trial of the Penny damage suit against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, of South Carolina. All the evidence was in when a recess was taken for dinner, and the afternoon session was given over to argument by counsel to the jury. Mr. Eugene S. Martin led off for the plaintiff in an able and careful exposition of the points of law involved. He was followed by Mr. George Rountree in a similar argument in behalf of the defendant railroad company. Four other speeches are to be made by the plaintiff's counsel, and a like number by the attorney for the defendant. It is not expected that the case will go to the jury before this afternoon.

Upon the opening of court yesterday at 10 A. M., the defendant introduced its first testimony. Mr. E. Borden, superintendent of transportation for the Atlantic Coast Line, testified as to the rules governing travel and the operation of railway trains. Mr. Louis E. Skinner and Capt. W. A. Snell, who were passengers upon the same train with Mr. Penny when he was shot, testified for the railroad as to the facts of the occurrence. Mr. J. T. L. Jones, a commercial traveler on the same train, also testified as to the occurrence. Henry Cobb, the colored porter on the train, Mail Agent Tom Broadfoot and Mr. W. A. Sue, section master, also testified along the same line. Mr. A. H. Weedon was also a passenger on the train and testified as to his view of the shooting.

Upon the introduction of these witnesses, defendant rested and the plaintiff was content to go to the jury with the issues. A recess was taken upon the reassembling of court at 3 P. M., argument was begun. The speeches of Messrs. Martin and Rountree consumed about two and a half hours and a recess was taken until to-day.

The attorneys yet to be heard are E. K. Bryan, Herbert McClammy, Marsden Bellamy and A. J. Marshall for the plaintiff and Messrs. Davis & Davis, Bellamy & Peschau and J. O. Carr for the defense.

The damage suit of J. L. Love against the Carolina Central Railroad Company, set for yesterday, has been continued and set for the first case on the first Monday of next term for the trial of civil cases. All other cases on the calendar not reached in their order are continued by a standing rule of the court.

The cases set for to-day are Hillon Lumber Co. vs. A. C. L. R. E. Co., and Ocean View Co. vs. Mercer & Phares. If the Panch suit goes to the jury before the hour for recess, the calendar of next term will be taken up.

The Governor left to-day for another two week's campaign in the extreme West. He speaks at Marshall, Pritchard's home, to-morrow. He says from observations he has made on the campaign he is convinced every Congressman will be Democratic, and the Republican ticket is sure to be a mere twelve members of the General Assembly. He is really agreeably surprised at the condition, as he expected some reaction, naturally, from the strenuous campaign of 1898.

Locke Craig spent to-day here, and went to Statesville to-night to resume his joint canvass with Pritchard to-morrow. The contest will close at Statesville Saturday.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS TO MEET.

State Board of Education Calls Them Together—Simmons on Registration.

RALPHIGH, N. C., Oct. 8.—A call was issued to-day by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a conference of County Superintendents of public schools to be held here November 12th, 13th and 14th, to organize State and District education, and to discuss the State's educational needs, changes in the law, etc. The County Superintendents are advised that their railroad fare will be refunded, so their only expense will be board and lodging. The call will be made through the State Superintendent by the General Educational Aboard, Dr. Wallace Buttrick, secretary, who will attend.

Chairman Simmons issues a letter to-night depicting the action of the registrar in Rutherford county, declining to register the negro who read and wrote the constitution correctly, except by spelling the word "divide." He says he hopes the negro will be registered and no such rulings will be made in any other county of the State.

Fayetteville Observer: A number of young men from this city joined a posse of young men from Plea Hill this afternoon in a hunt for a big bear that is running loose in that township. The posse was led by a number of respectable citizens of the township vouch for having seen the animal. It is probably the same bear that got away from a party of hunters from Statesville who were here with a number of performing bears last year.

Taylorville Scout: Several car loads of peach seeds will go from Alexander county to different nurseries in the State this week. The seeds are to be planted in the nurseries. The nurseries are sought after by all the nurserymen in the country.

Strikes a Rich Find. "I was troubled for several years with Chronic Indigestion and Nervous Debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. My wife uses Electric Bitters; that is why she is so healthy and invigorated for work, run down by illness. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 25 cents. Satisfactory guarantee by R. H. BELLAMY, druggist.

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Mr. Vanderlip's Coming. Hon. F. A. Vanderlip, of New York, vice president of the National City Bank, who has consented to visit Wilmington and make a speech before the Chamber of Commerce, has fixed October 31st as the date for his visit. His subject will be announced later.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Clarkie Parcell Smith, of Maxton, to Mr. Anselm Drake Rogers, of Bennettsville, to take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith, in Maxton, October 22d, at six o'clock P. M.

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BRILLIANT WEDDING AT RED SPRINGS.

Miss Vardell Became the Bride of Prominent Young Man of Fayetteville.

RED SPRINGS, N. C., Oct. 8.—To-night Red Springs was gay with its wedding her beauty and her chivalry to witness the most remarkable marriage event in her history.

At 7 o'clock P. M. occurred the marriage of Miss Katherine M. Vardell, sister of Rev. C. G. Vardell, of the Red Springs Seminary, to Mr. Edwin Holt Williamson, of Fayetteville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. G. Graham, assisted by Rev. C. G. Vardell, in the college chapel in the presence of a large number of invited guests.

The brilliant assemblage of guests, the elegant decorations for the occasion, the soul-stirring music, the gay throng of high-born beauty, presented a scene seldom witnessed. The arrangements were perfectly carried out and all went merrily as a marriage bell.

The special train left Red Springs at 9 P. M., carrying the happy groom with his bonnie bride and invited guests on an extended bridal tour. A thousand blessings attend the happy pair.

SPEAKING IN ROBESON.

Campaign Opened at Lumberton—Independents Not Gaining Any Ground.

LUMBERTON, N. C., Oct. 7.—The campaign opened here to-day, Hon. C. R. Watson making the opening speech. He was introduced by Capt. W. S. Norment and spoke one hour to a good sized audience. He discussed the tariff question; the State administration and the constitutional amendment, making an earnest appeal to all Democrats to register and vote.

The audience met again in the afternoon to hear the county candidates, the opening speech being made by Capt. Tom McBryde, candidate for the Senate. He was followed by D. A. Prevatt, independent candidate for the Senate.

From the best information obtained, it seems the so-called independents are not gaining any ground. Registration in Lumberton township is progressing satisfactorily.

THE HICKS COMPANY CHARTERED.

New Wilmington Enterprise—Governor Oll to West—Craig-Pritchard Campaign.

RALPHIGH, N. C., Oct. 7.—The Hicks Company was chartered here to-day, with \$18,000 capital. R. W. Hicks has 127 shares, A. W. Middleton, F. L. Higgins and J. Allen Taylor, one share each. The company will be the wholesaler's jobbers of groceries, notions, produce, fruit, drugs, etc. It will manufacture and distill sugar, syrup, molasses, vinegar, by-products or residues of sawy, deal in peanuts, flour, coffee, extracts, etc.

The Governor left to-day for another two week's campaign in the extreme West. He speaks at Marshall, Pritchard's home, to-morrow. He says from observations he has made on the campaign he is convinced every Congressman will be Democratic, and the Republican ticket is sure to be a mere twelve members of the General Assembly. He is really agreeably surprised at the condition, as he expected some reaction, naturally, from the strenuous campaign of 1898.

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