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THE REAL ISSUE IN THE ELECTIONS.

The result of the elections that are being held in many of the States will not afford any sure indication of the way the vote will go in 1904.

The municipal election in New York, where there is a Tammany-Fusionist campaign on, and the State issues brought forward in the District States during the progress of the campaign will, of course, tend to attract the independent vote toward one party or the other and to gain votes to both sides from party voters.

A mistake made by the Democratic leaders is in not having devoted sufficient attention to the tariff issue. It is the only issue upon which the party can hope for victory in 1904.

The main argument of the Republicans was the prosperity argument. The same argument will be advanced in 1904. It is the only argument that can be advanced.

But what does this Republican prosperity talk amount to? For eighty-four years, from the declaration of independence until 1860 this republic existed and prospered before the Republican party was formed or put a ticket in the field.

What sustained this country during those years which were not lean and barren years, but for the most part years of fatness? It was what sustains the country now and will sustain it when the present political parties have gone the way of all political parties without any other existence than upon the dusty pages of ancient records from which the historian gathers his material for a history of the past.

It is not necessary to dwell upon the resources of America. They are known to the world and acknowledged by it. The books of statistics are full of the figures. The industry of Americans is well known in a general way, but the figures are not so readily accessible. Here they are. They ought to be published broadcast for the information of the people.

The force exercised daily by a common dock laborer, says Mr. Jas. H. Bridge, assistant to Mr. Herbert Spencer, the great English statistician and philosopher, in "The Trust-It Book," reduced to what are called foot tons, represents about 325 tons. Measured by this unit, the average force used daily by the citizen of the United States, including men, women and children, so great is our command of mechanical power, amounts to 2,000 foot tons per day. The average force of the Englishman is 1,400 foot tons per day; of the Frenchman and the German something over 900 foot tons per day; of an Italian less than 400 foot tons. That is, an American is superior to two Italians, to two Germans, to two Frenchmen and very nearly equal to an Englishman and a half.

When these figures are taken into consideration together with our 80,000,000 population, is not our prosperity accounted for?

A RUNAWAY ENGINE.

Narrow Escape of Big Fire Department Machine, and Driver and Team.

RAN DOWN PRINCESS STREET.

Parting of collar on One Horse and Disarrangement of Lines Endangered Life and Property—Heroic Efforts of Firemen.

But for the exercise of rare presence of mind on the part of the driver and the performance of an heroic act by Mr. Ned Grafton, of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., branch office in this city, the big Bilby engine of the Fire Engine Company No. 1, Fourth and Princess streets, the two heavy draft horses attached to the ponderous machine which weighs over 5,000 pounds, and Driver Ernest Burris, would have plunged into the river with terrible consequences at Princess street dock Saturday night just before 7 o'clock.

About ten days ago the port of New Orleans received within six days 2,134 immigrants from Southern Italy. The new-comers have already taken up their abode in the agricultural regions of Louisiana, where, it is said, more than 17,000 Italians are now domiciled. These immigrants are, as a rule, of the better class, and are said to make excellent farm workers.

We regard this movement as a healthy indication. We do not look for the objectionable features that have characterized the settling of Italians and other immigrants in the North. These features are traceable mainly to the congestion of the immigrants in the great cities. The Italian is naturally an agriculturalist and modern city life does not agree with him, nor does he agree with it.

In those parts of the North where the Italian immigrant has become a farm laborer, the situation is most satisfactory. In the South, the newcomers will go mainly to the farms. The cities will absorb but a small proportion. The problem of farm labor—which becoming a considerable one, owing to the gradual failure of the negroes to adequately fill the needs of agriculture in the South—will thus be greatly simplified, and the wealth of the section will be vastly increased.

Dr. John S. Bassett, a professor in Trinity College, this State, regards Booker Washington the greatest man, save Robert E. Lee, the South has produced in a hundred years, and so states in the "South Atlantic Quarterly." An examination should at once be made as to Bassett'saulty.

Twelve penniless Southern negroes landed in New York this week from Siberia, West Africa, where they have been experimenting in cotton culture with the view to future colonization of that country. The experiment proved a failure.

Mr. John H. Clarke, who was the Democratic candidate for United States Senator in Ohio, filed a statement showing that he spent \$6,196. Though he suffered defeat, he had Mark Hanna pretty badly scared at one time.

True the farmer gets a better price for his produce, but he is compelled to pay at least a third more than formerly for everything he buys; so he is not so much better off, after all.

Raleigh Post: The Detroit Journal sympathetically remarks that all Tom Johnson had left by the election is "one second-hand crown tent and a strong smell of gasoline."

Dowie has made seventy-nine converts after three weeks work in New York. One of them has just been arrested for stealing an overcoat and pocketbook, says the Durham Sun.

A county court judge out in Wisconsin has decided that injuries inflicted by bedbugs in a hotel do not entitle the victim to accident insurance, but that he may recover damages from the proprietor. That now.

Delegate Kalaniana'ole, of Hawaii, a nephew of the ex-Queen of Hawaii, will take his seat in Congress at the extra session to convene to-morrow. His name will no doubt cause many a printer to use "ouss" words.

It is said that more votes were cast in the city of Greater New York last Tuesday than were polled in any one of the 38 States which held elections last year. New York is a whopper, surely.

Tammany's chief is said to have greatly replenished his dough bag by betting on the recent election in New York.

A man in Georgia got even with his mother-in-law by marrying her.

SPRITS TURPENTINE.

John A. Bates, of Surry county, is in jail in Virginia charged with postoffice robbing.

BRVAN IS MADE EXECUTOR.

Of the Will of Philo S. Bennett—Boud Fixed at \$350,000—Mrs. Bennett's Counsel Protested.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 7.—In the Probate Court today William J. Bryan was admitted to act as executor of the will of Philo S. Bennett, an objection to him made by Mrs. Bennett's counsel being overruled. The amount of the bond was fixed at \$350,000. Counsel on both sides indicate that an appeal will be taken. Judge Stoddard, Mrs. Bennett's counsel, protested against Mr. Bryan as executor. He said: "Your honor has decided that that sealed letter is not a part of the will. We shall insist on the performance of his duty as executor if Mr. Bryan is to act as such. But if there is any lingering suspicion that he intends to do an appeal it is not right that he shall qualify also as executor. He cannot serve two masters in this matter. If he intends to uphold the law as your honor has spoken it in your decision, it will be contrary to the law to undertake to destroy the seal. If he intends to destroy the seal, he should not think that he would want to feel that his duty as trustee might influence him against his duty as executor. I have no objection to the qualification of Wm. J. Bryan as executor."

Mr. Newton contended that Mr. Bryan's duty as executor in no way conflicted with his other duty under the will. Judge Cleveland ruled that he had no discretion in the matter, and had no right to prevent Mr. Bryan from qualifying as executor. Later Mr. Bryan said to the court: "So far as acting as executor is concerned, I was asked to act by the testator and as I have no objection, I feel I ought to do it unless the court appoints some one who is interested in carrying out the will instead of attempting to defeat it."

MAINE ORDERED TO COLON. Not Because There is Any Particular Necessity for the Presence There of the Big Battleship.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—The battleship Maine has been ordered to Colon. She has sailed from Martha's Vineyard, where she has been engaged in target practice, for Hampton Roads, where she will coal and proceed to her destination.

It is stated at the Navy Department that the sudden dispatch of the Maine to Colon is not because there is any particular necessity for the presence there of the big battleship. The navy, it is stated, is deficient in squadron movements and the navigation bureau desires to remedy this deficiency wherever practicable. The Maine, it is further said, has been ordered to the navy yards during a good part of the past year and the cruise to the isthmus will be beneficial to discipline.

If the trouble at the isthmus is over before the Maine arrives there Admiral Barker's North Atlantic squadron will be increased in practice about Christmas time.

Admiral Coghlan, who sails from Washington to-morrow morning with the United States fleet, has decided to retain the Mayflower as his flagship while at Colon until the arrival of his permanent flagship, the Oregon, which should follow him from Norfolk in about one month.

A GUNNING TRAGEDY.

Thirteen-Year-Old Boy Shoots Two of His Companions—One Fatally—Result of a Quarrel.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. MORONGAHELA, Pa., Nov. 7.—Engaged over a name applied to him, Earl Flory, a 13-year-old boy, shot and killed James Murphy, aged 12 years, and severely wounded John Johnson, aged 11 years. The tragedy occurred last night at Siney Hill, where the three boys were residing. Flory is in jail here to-night and Johnson was brought here to the Memorial hospital.

The three boys for some time have been good companions and to-day were out hunting. The only gun in the party was owned by Flory, who allowed the others to share in the shooting from time to time. A dispute arose as to whose turn it was to use the gun and Flory settled the question by calling it his, whereupon Murphy said: "Your old gun is no good. It's like you, you dirty pup."

The words were scarcely out of Murphy's mouth when Flory fired at him, point blank. The charge took effect in Murphy's abdomen, almost disemboweling him. Johnson was severely wounded about the lower part of the body by part of the charge which went by Murphy.

GREAT TIMBER SUIT.

Involving land in Montana Valued at \$2,000,000.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. BUTTE, MONT., Nov. 7.—The great timber suit brought by the United States against Senator W. A. Clark, involving timber land in the Bitter Creek valley, western Montana, to the value of \$2,000,000, was settled to-day by Judge Knowles, of the United States District Court, in favor of the defendant, W. A. Clark. Judge Knowles finds that defendant was guilty of irregular purchase of lands and innocent of the illegal registration of the same, if such irregularities existed. In his decision Judge Knowles criticizes the testimony of witness Griswold for the government, whose opinion on the decision says is none of the best and whom many other witnesses testified had approached them in behalf of the government. The case is the most famous timberland action ever tried in the West. The reading of the testimony consumed forty days.

—Girl in the Grandstand—"Isn't that a cruel game? Do you think it's fair for a dozen men to pile themselves on top of the poor fellow that has the ball?" Her Escort—"No, there oughtn't to be more than eleven of them, anyway."—Chicago Tribune.

THE AWARD FOR DRAINAGE.

W. E. Glenn Secures the Contract for \$2,250—Proposals for Paving Still Under Consideration—Some Little Irregularities.

Bids for the paving of Market street from Second to Fourth and the laying of an extensive drainage system of the same thoroughfare between the river and Fourth street were opened by the Streets and Harves Committee of the Board of Aldermen at the Mayor's office yesterday. There were present at the opening of the proposals, Mayor Springer and Aldermen W. H. Yopp and Jno. H. Sweeney, composing the committee; City Engineer S. P. Adams, Capt. W. E. Northrop, Jr., clerk of the Board of Audit and Finance, Superintendent of Streets Woodard and Mr. B. F. King, Jr., of Roger Moore's Sons & Co., and Capt. E. G. Parmele, the two last named representing the bidders.

For the drainage there were three bidders, but the contract was awarded to W. E. Glenn for \$2,250. The other bidders were Roger Moore, \$3,500 and E. G. Parmele \$3,700. The pipe has already been ordered for the drainage and will be on the ground within 30 days. The work is required to be completed within 60 days after arrival of the material. Reference has been made several times as to the details of the plans for the drainage.

For the paving contract there were only two bids and each was irregular. The bidders were Roger Moore and E. G. Parmele, the last named being the lowest. Each of the two offered the Georgia vitrified brick block, but submitted no samples as the material had previously been tested by the committee. Mr. Moore accompanied his bid by a certified check for \$500 as required in the call, but Capt. Parmele did not. Those slight irregularities left the committee in doubt as to what to do and no definite action will be taken until another meeting on Wednesday night of this week. The committee is very desirous of awarding the contract without the delay incident to calling for new bids again, if it can be avoided.

EXELSIOR ACADEMY BURNED. Atkinson School Building in Ashes—Rev. J. J. Paysor, Principal.

(Special Star Correspondence.) ATKINSON, N. C., Nov. 6.—The Exelsior Academy building here was burned down last night, with everything in it, causing a loss of about \$1,500. The "girls' home" was saved by hand work. The burning at the academy is a terrible loss to the community and to Rev. J. J. Paysor, its principal. Ninety-eight students are out of school as a result of the fire.

YOUNG FLAGMAN KILLED.

Crushed While Coupling Cars of Freight Train Near Raleigh Yesterday. (Special Star Telegram.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 7.—Ernest F. King, aged 24, a white flagman, was killed at Millbrook this morning by cars running back on him while he was coupling a train in front of an engine. He lived in Raleigh and leaves a young wife.

The Carnival at Monroe. The Monroe Enquirer says: "The street carnival has come and gone and everybody is glad of it. The continual spelling of the spellers, the constant going around of the merry-go-round and the Ferris wheel, and the sight of the dirty tents on the streets got to be tiresomely monotonous. The people were glad to see the carnival go. The carnival folk were glad to go, for it is an open secret that they did not get rich here. The fire company received about \$100 as its part of the proceeds. We may say for the carnival people that they were an orderly, well behaved lot."

Congressman Patterson's Secretary. Yesterday's Fayetteville Observer: "Mr. L. B. Hale, city editor of the Observer, leaves to-night for Washington City, where he will spend the Winter as secretary of Hon. G. B. Patterson, member of Congress for this district."

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Destroyed One of the Finest Orchid Collections in the World.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. ST. LOUIS, Nov. 7.—A loss that cannot be estimated on a monetary basis was caused by fire which to-day destroyed one of the finest orchid collections in the world. The plants were valuable and rare plants in the Missouri Botanical (Shaw's) Gardens in this city. Four hot houses were ruined by the fire, which originated in an overheated furnace pipe in the boiler room. Several of the plants destroyed are said to be the only ones of their kind in the world.

YOUNG MURDERER.

Eleven-Year-Old Boy Uses Shotgun With Deadly Effect.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. FAUNTON, MASS., Nov. 7.—Peter Clark, the 11-year-old son of Thomas F. Clark, was shot and instantly killed by Walter E. Bassett, 11 years old, late this afternoon. The Bassett boy was arrested on the charge of murder. The boys had quarreled and young Bassett ran into the house and got his father's shotgun which he loaded in sight of his victim. The top of Clark's head was blown off by the shot.

CASTLE HAYNES FERRY.

Pender Chronicle: "The County Commissioners of Pender and New Hanover counties are to have a joint meeting in the near future to consider the matter of maintaining a free ferry across the North East river at Castle Haynes. We hope the ferry will be kept up, connecting our counties by a free ferry at that point. It will be of untold benefit to our country, and not this only, but Sampson, Duplin and a part of O'low as well."

Livery Man—"Rubber tires?" Uncle Hiram—"Nope, when I'm ridin' I like to know it."—Detroit Free Press.

May be Appointed by Pope Pius at Monday's Consistory—Archbishop Ireland or Archbishop Ryan.

Rome, Nov. 7.—On the eve of Monday's consistory a rumor is in circulation here that in addition to appointments of Monsignor Merry del Val and Cardinal O'Leary to the cardinalate, which it is already known will be made, other cardinals will be named. The rumor has it that the new cardinal will be American; that is, he will belong to the American continent. The prevailing opinion here last week was that the cardinal would be from the United States and another from Brazil, the latter country having recently again asked that she be given a cardinal.

The situation as regards a new American cardinal stands as follows: Pope Pius was elected he received in audience a high American prelate, who before leaving the United States had dined with the President. The latter had often been urged to manifest to the Vatican a preference for the appointment of another American cardinal, and he had always answered that the constitution of the United States forbade such a preference on account of the complete separation of church and State, but he was not unwilling to change the rule to his confidence in the Pope, the conferring of the red hat upon Archbishop Ireland would place a majority of the people of the United States, even non-Catholics, temporarily, a higher prelate, who was in Rome and was being consulted by the Pope on the best candidate for the cardinalate, was the name of Archbishop Ireland because of the dissemination alleged to be always going on over him, and supported in the United States by the most zealous and generous ecclesiastic, whose name would encounter no opposition and would be well accepted by the people.

Since the Vatican has received arguments in favor of and opposing both Archbishop Ireland and Ryan, and since the latter has been written his nomination would merely mean that of the archbishop of a certain diocese where a cardinal is less needed, Cardinal Gibbons being the one who would not be merely an archbishop but a man of commanding influence and prestige throughout the United States. Thus the cardinal who would be the Pope, and it is considered very doubtful if it will have a solution even at the first consistory of 1904.

COTTON CROP STATISTICS. Census Bureau's Report on Amount of Cotton Ginned Up to October 15th. Comparative Statement.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—A bulletin issued by the census bureau today on the cotton ginned from the growth of the present year up to October 15, places the amount at 3,839,637 commercial bales, as against 5,928,872 bales ginned up to the same date last year.

The complete returns on production for 1903 showed that 53.5 per cent. of the total crop had been ginned prior to October 15 of this year, but the percentage of the gin run prior to October 15 of 1902 cannot be known until the final report for the year is made. Meanwhile, two other reports will be submitted, one on October 15 and December 15th. The statistics for the present year were collected by 631 local agents, who found that 37,738 ginneries had been opened up to October 15th, while to the corresponding date last year 29,314 ginneries had been opened. The only comment made in the bulletin on the deficit of this year's production is the following:

In comparing the statistics of the two years the following must be made for the different conditions of the two seasons. The following figures show the production ginned to the same date for the present year up to October 15th: Alabama, 446,103; Arkansas, 129,825; Florida, 25,420; Georgia, 619,644; Indian Territory, 68,828; Kentucky, 211; Louisiana, 241,100; Mississippi, 479,118; Missouri, 8,097; North Carolina, 235,558; Oklahoma, 40,236; South Carolina, 417,740; Texas, 1,065,229; Virginia, 2,611.

COLORADO COAL MINES.

Strike Throughout Entire District Expected Monday—Troops Ordered to be in Readiness to Take Field.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. FRENCH, COLO., Nov. 7.—The mines owned by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, in Fremont county, are closed to-night, as the result of an order given by local officials of the company, to the effect that all tools belonging to the miners must be out of the mines by noon or be locked in indefinitely.

The mines at Rockyvale, Brookside, Fremont and the Magnet properties are described as being in readiness to take the field. The following figures show the production ginned to the same date for the present year up to October 15th: Alabama, 446,103; Arkansas, 129,825; Florida, 25,420; Georgia, 619,644; Indian Territory, 68,828; Kentucky, 211; Louisiana, 241,100; Mississippi, 479,118; Missouri, 8,097; North Carolina, 235,558; Oklahoma, 40,236; South Carolina, 417,740; Texas, 1,065,229; Virginia, 2,611.

FIRE AT OLATH, KS.

Hotel, Opera House and Other Buildings Burned—Loss \$200,000.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. KANSAS CITY, MO., Nov. 7.—The Grande Hotel, a four-story brick building in Olath, Kan., twenty miles southwest of here, was totally destroyed by fire to-night. The building occupied a half block in the principal street of Olath, and in it were the Grand Opera auditorium, the Grande Hotel, a large general store and offices. A play was in progress when the fire started and a panic was narrowly averted when the alarm was given, as a large crowd was witnessing the performance. It is believed that no one was hurt, however. At a late hour the fire had been placed under control by a Kansas City fire company. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.