

THE WEATHER TODAY.
For North Carolina:
Fair; Cooler.

The News and Observer.

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For Raleigh:
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ROOSEVELT MUST HAVE A FREE HAND

Coal Barons Shall not Select the Arbitrators.

SO DECLARES MITCHELL

After Interview With the President he Calls a Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of the Miners Union for Pennsylvania Today.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 15.—The prolonged anthracite coal strike is not yet practically settled, but some progress was made today, and while there remain obstacles to be removed, these, in the language of Secretary Root, it is believed, can be resolved and a termination of the strike finally secured.

The principal of these obstacles is the composition of the proposed commission or board to arbitrate the differences between the miners and operators. Mr. Mitchell indicated formally today to President Roosevelt that the Mine Workers' Union dissents from the restrictions placed by the operators on the choice of the proposed arbitration tribunal and desires the President to have an absolutely free hand in the selection of members of the commission to be charged with an adjustment of future relations between the employers and employed. He laid special stress in stating his objections on the proposition that one of the commission should be a judge from the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He was very insistent in some of his objections, which he voiced in the presence of the districts of Pennsylvania. At this meeting, it is believed an agreement will be reached on a statement to be officially promulgated by the miners' union in response to the proposition from the operator.

President Roosevelt, having ascertained the views of Mr. Mitchell, at once communicated with the operators and initiated efforts to reconcile the differences developed and to have the operators make some further concessions, his aim being by mutual concessions to reach a common accord between miners and operators whereby the labor dispute may be finally ended and mining of coal resumed.

The progress made today was accomplished by means chiefly of two extended conferences between President Roosevelt and John Mitchell, the president of the United Mine workers of America. At the conclusion of the conferences, Mr. Mitchell said that he had no information which he could give to the public.

It likewise was announced at the temporary White House that no official statement of the conferences would be made at this time.

When the last conference had been concluded, Mr. Mitchell left the White House, and, after a brief conference with President Samuel Gompers, departed for Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Mr. Mitchell's visit to Washington was by invitation of President Roosevelt who asked him to come to Washington in order that they might discuss the terms of the proposition submitted to the President last Monday night by the anthracite coal railroad presidents.

While all persons having knowledge of the details of the conference are extremely reticent, enough is known to justify the statement that while they did not accomplish a settlement of the strike they at the same time were not barren of tangible results.

At the first conference, which lasted from 11:50 a. m. until 12:55 p. m., the President and Mr. Mitchell discussed fully the proposition made by the operators for an arbitration commission. In a general way the miners' president indicated certain objections which he had to the proposition of the operators, but, it is understood, did not at that time present his objections in a formal statement.

is understood that he took a firm stand against this proposition, saying he was satisfied the miners would not submit to any arbitration which should not be arbitration in fact as well as in name. Mr. Mitchell, in his counter-proposition, insisted that President Roosevelt be given a free hand in the selection of the board of arbitration and that the terms under which the operators propose to create that board be remodeled, at least to some extent. It is understood also that the wording of the mine operators' proposition, omitting any reference to the miners' union, does not meet Mr. Mitchell's approval. He desires, if possible, to obtain some formal recognition of the union.

Mr. Mitchell also expressly opposed the restriction made in the operators' proposition limiting the selection of a Federal judge, as one of the arbitrators, to a particular jurisdiction.

It is stated upon excellent authority, although not the President or Mr. Mitchell, that President Roosevelt agreed to present Mr. Mitchell's contention to the operators. It is believed that this will be the next step taken.

VIOLATING ANTI-TRUST LAW.

Hearing Given on Application to Proceed Against the Coal Carrying Roads.

(By the Associated Press.)
Albany, N. Y., Oct. 15.—A hearing was given today before Attorney General Davies on the application that proceedings be commenced against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company, and other carrying companies, on the ground that they are violating the anti-trust laws of the State. The coal companies entered a general denial to the charges made. C. J. Shearn, for the petitioner, introduced contracts between the railroad companies and coal mine owners identical in character, which he averred showed that the companies were working in concert and in violation of the anti-trust law.

Mr. Shearn argued in behalf of the petition and David Wilcox against it.

Operators Non-Committal.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Oct. 15.—Upon leaving their offices this afternoon, several of the coal operators said that they had absolutely no advice from Washington today either private or official. They said that their knowledge of what had transpired between the President and Mr. Mitchell was limited to what they obtained from the press despatches.

The coal operators generally today were evasive in discussing the coal situation in any way. Asked: "Would you assent to a change in the personnel of the arbitration committee proposed to deal with the matters in dispute between the strikers and the operators?" President Roosevelt, the Lakewanna, said: "I would consider it highly improper to talk about the matter at the present time."

German Miners Send Aid.

(By the Associated Press.)
Berlin, Oct. 15.—The central committee of the German Coal Miners' Associations has sent \$1,250 to the American striking coal miners and has issued directions to the members of the associations not to work extra time with the object of increasing the supply of coal for export.

HE LOVED AND DIED

Young Man Killed Himself Because Woman he Loved Wedded Another.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Littleton, N. C., Oct. 15.—As a sequel to a love affair, Mr. W. S. Anderson, of Osprey, Miss., committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. The deed was done in his room at the boarding house of Mr. W. S. Sheehan sometime between midnight and day Tuesday morning.

The bullet from a Smith and Wesson revolver entered the head just above the right temple, passed through and was found on the pillow. Death must have been instantaneous, as there was no evidence of a struggle. In his right hand lying on his breast was the instrument of death with one empty chamber.

Mr. Anderson came to Littleton in the summer and made many friends here. He was a member of the B. of L. E., also a member of the B. of L. E., as evidenced by cards found among his effects.

About the time of his coming to this place Mrs. Bryant, a widow of Mississippi, came here. Mr. Anderson paid her marked attention and went so far as to procure marriage license of the county of Warren. However, the marriage did not take place and Mrs. Bryant was, on Tuesday, married to Mr. B. B. Nicholson, of Washington, N. C.

BIG POSTAL FRAUD

May Implicate 54 Post-Masters in the State.

T. J. Bryan of Laurel Branch, the Author of a Unique Scheme to Swindle the United States Government.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 15.—When Federal court adjourned here today, a sensation was sprung by the handing in by the grand jury of a bill of indictment for forgery and fraud on the government by T. J. Bryan, of Laurel Branch, Alleghany county, North Carolina, in which may become implicated fifty-four third and fourth-class postmasters in this Federal district alone.

Bryan's scheme was unique, bold, simple. Its success can be estimated when it is stated that for more than a year, these postmasters have been getting from one to three hundred dollars out of the government for extra clerical assistance, to which they were not entitled, and at the same time to all appearance they are innocent of any intentional fraud.

Bryan's scheme was to approach the postmaster who distributed mail to star routes and say that having worked for the government in official examination of and taking contracts for star routes, he knew the law allowed extra clerical help to distributing third or fourth-class office, according to number of pieces of matter and registered packages handled a certain point, and would make contracts to get this extra allowance on payment for one year by postmaster of one half of the same. Agreeing, the postmaster, as instructed, would apply to the department for necessary blanks to make out the application.

Instructions would come from Washington for applicant to count for six days every piece of mail matter, every registered package handled during that period and forward result. Bryan had instructed the postmaster to forward this report through him, so that no error would be obvious.

A report that 550 pieces of mail and 130 packages had been handled during the six days, would be changed by him to read 2,550 pieces and 730 packages, and a one or three hundred dollar allowance. Swindle of the government has worked like a charm for over a year, Bryan's territory constantly enlarging, rural postmasters all happy; the government knowing that something was wrong, but unable until a few days ago to locate the trouble.

A commissioner's warrant has been issued for Bryan and a three thousand dollar bond required, but the officers have not yet located him.

LACY AND GRIMES AT ELON COLLEGE.

They Delight the People With Their Eloquent Speeches.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Elon College, N. C., Oct. 15.—Hons. B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer, and J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, spoke here yesterday afternoon to a large audience of ladies and gentlemen. Mr. Lacy confined himself to the discussion of State issues, comparing the conditions as they exist now with the conditions which existed during Republican rule. His speech from beginning to end was a complete answer to every challenge which Pritchard has made during the campaign. Could Pritchard have heard it he would have been convinced of the error of his way.

Col. Grimes confined himself to national issues, principally to the tariff question. He spoke for more than an hour in his usual, eloquent way, while his audience listened with divided attention. His speech was pronounced the best of the subject ever heard in this section. Both speakers made a fine impression. At the conclusion of Mr. Lacy's speech a small boy in knee pants walked forward, extended his hand and said: "That was good. I was a Republican when you commenced; I'm a Democrat now."

PUB-POP TICKET IN ONSLOW.

Five Men Met Secretly and put it out. Dr. Gilmore for House.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Jacksonville, N. C., Oct. 15.—Five Republicans and Populists met here Monday and secretly put out the following ticket: House, Dr. John Gilman; clerk, John M. Franck; register of deeds, Dr. John E. Floyd; treasurer, George T. Walton; sheriff, A. F. Farnell; coroner, Lemh Gillett; surveyor, W. H. Hurst; county commissioners, C. D. Franck, Ralph Bender and W. N. Carline.

Small show they will have.

Overman Delights Currituck Democrats.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Currituck C. H., N. C., Oct. 15.—Our people were visited today by Hon. Lee S. Overman who, according to appointment delivered an address on the political issues of the day. This is the first time this champion of Democracy has visited our county. For more than an hour his audience was most highly entertained and pleased with his able discussion of the issues of the day, showing the merits of the Democratic party, both from a State and National point of view, and showing the danger, oppression and hypocrisy of the Republicans.

COUNT ON NEW YORK

Democratic Money Offering With no Takers.

Confident of Coles' Election Stewart Offers Twenty Thousand Dollars on Three Big Democratic Propositions

(New York World.)
Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 15.—If hotel lobby talk and the waving of big bunches of bills for aught, the trend of the campaign is Democratic. In Utica many Republicans hesitate to predict the reelection of Governor Odell and his associates, and ask dubiously what effect the coal strike is having in New York; in Syracuse the feeling is stronger and Republicans glumly say "that they fear that if something isn't done before the cold weather sets in somebody on the Republican ticket will suffer."

There is a vast amount of Coles talk, and plenty of Democratic money is being offered.

In the lobby of the Yates Hotel Friday night three score of men of both political parties stood about and eagerly discussed the situation. In the throng were men notable for their Republican loyalty and servility to the Platt machine; men who hold and have for years held big political positions.

"I'll bet any sum from \$1,500 up to \$20,000 on three propositions," said Russell Stewart in a clear tone that was heard all about the lobby.

"The first proposition is that Erie county will go Democratic by over 3,500; the next is that Greater New York will give Coles over 75,000 plurality, and the last is that Coles and all his associates on the State ticket will be elected by handsome pluralities."

"Division Superior," a Republican leader of Onondaga county, looked pained; James H. Gilbert was far from happy, and Corporation Counsel Cowle stepped forward as though waiting to see a flood of Republican money come forth.

"Get Jim Ratchford," said Michael Kingler, who was standing near. "Jim is a loyal Republican who is always ready to make the few thousands on an election if he likes the proposition."

Mr. Ratchford was dining in the hotel and was summoned.

The proposition was repeated.

"I make it a practice to wager heavily on elections," said he. "It's the only gambling I do. But I don't like to lose any money. Here's a counter proposition. Accept it and I'll see about your Erie county proposition. I'll bet \$5,000 even that Jack Davis is elected Judge of the Supreme Court by not less than 8,000."

Mr. Stewart, who was division engineer of the Erie Canal under Grover Cleveland and who followed David B. Hill to nominate him for State Engineer, is a Democrat of the vigorous type, but he refused that wager, and Ratchford equally strong as a Republican, refused the proposition made by Mr. Stewart.

"I'll not bet any money against Coles at present," said Ratchford. "I'll work and vote for Odell, but as the situation looks to me at present I'll not bet on him."

Even stronger in this section and further north in the State is this fast-growing feeling that the Democratic tidal wave is approaching. It is in the talk that Coles has strength with the farmers, but the rallying cry through the entire State is "Coles." The black diamond stickpins, made of a gold washed pin surrounded by a tiny lump of anthracite, are on sale in all cities, and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company and the possibilities of the strike are more generally and more earnestly discussed than is the outcome of the political fight.

THE ALAMANCE FAIR.

Great Crowds Present and a Most Successful Occasion.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Burlington, N. C., Oct. 15.—Alamance county fair has opened most successfully. Five thousand people were on the grounds today. Four hundred old Confederate veterans were present. There was good racing time made, 2:33 for trotting, one mile, and 51 seconds for running, half mile heat. Tomorrow will be the big day. Over ten thousand people will be present.

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Patterson's on the Quiet vass Among the Mill.

HE SPEAKS AT PROXIMITY

Mr. Cone Ac's as Chief Manager. The Operatives Resent This Back Door Campaign and Ask That Kitchen be Given a Hearing.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 15.—Hon. J. Lindsey Patterson spoke to a small but attentive audience at the graded school building at Proximity Tuesday night. He made his usual strong disclaimer of being inspired or instigated in his candidacy by Republican influence and severely criticized Mr. Kitchen's record. One of the operatives present remarked: "If you have got nothing to talk about but Mr. Kitchen, why don't you have a joint campaign and say it to his face." Among other declarations he said that he and Mr. Cone stood for the gold standard. The opinion of those who heard him, was that his speech was not as able as the one delivered here last week.

Mr. Patterson certainly seems to have as little political sagacity as he has ideas of the ethics that usually obtain among candidates. It is said that his appointment at Proximity was kept perfectly quiet, not even the local newspaper reporters being allowed to get wind of it. Hand bills of the speaking were circulated among the operatives of Mr. Cone's mills, and Mr. Cone acted as chief manager of the event, being prominent on the school rostrum. Some gentlemen in Greensboro heard just at night of the speaking, and went out and heard it. They report that Mr. Patterson told his hearers that Mr. Kitchen would be glad to destroy all profits of factories, banks and other great industries, by means of which they obtained their livelihood.

This morning Mr. Kitchen himself was here, and some of these same operatives importuned him to give them an appointment and answer the charges made against him by Mr. Patterson. They promised him not only a rousing crowd, but a brass band reception. This correspondent is just informed that he has been able to arrange his schedules so as to speak at Proximity tomorrow (Thursday) night, and he has also sent Mr. Patterson an urgent invitation to meet him there and repeat his charges made in his absence. If Mr. Patterson refuses to do this, he will make another big political mistake.

State Treasurer B. R. Lacy and Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, spent last night at the McAdoo and this morning went to Wilkesboro to speak today. They spoke yesterday at Elon College.

H & B BEER'S MARKET LETTER.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 15.—Notwithstanding early Liverpool advices were discouraging our market opened practically unchanged on reports of light frost in the Tennessee district. Killing frost, however, did not materialize, consequently values shaded off slightly but upon the prediction that frost would occur tonight in the extreme northwestern sections of Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas, the market became steadier. About this time it was ascertained that the temperature had risen in the north and that fair and warmer weather was predicted for tonight and tomorrow in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory. Values immediately became easier on the above influences and a break of 11 to 12 from the top was established, making the loss 10 to 11 points on the day. While light frost may be realized tonight in exposed localities in northern Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas, it is very doubtful if killing frost will take place considering the rise in temperatures in the northwest, and the prediction of fair and warmer weather tonight and tomorrow in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory. Receipts are somewhat lighter than last year and the same is attributed to the apathy of spinners who claim that bad trade conditions in Europe preclude their taking held freely. The favorable weather conditions are causing many to increase their crop estimates. However, if a general killing frost were to occur in the next few days a sharp reaction would be in order. On the other hand, the absence of killing frost during the next two weeks may occasion a further recession. Weather conditions, therefore, in our opinion, will regulate the future course of the market.

H. & B. BEER.

THE TRAP SHOOTER.

Great Sport for Them Two Days at the State Fair.

There is to be some splendid trap shooting contests at the State Fair and a lively time is to be expected when the clay birds fly.

This is the second annual Trap-shooting Tournament of the State Fair and the program for the various events of the contest was issued yesterday for the shoots which take place on Wednesday and Thursday of Fair Week.

The tournament will be conducted under the auspices of the Raleigh Gun Club, of which Mr. J. L. Johnson is president. Mr. J. F. Ferrall, vice-president, and Mr. R. T. Gowen, secretary and treasurer. The directors for the tournament are Col. J. T. Anthony, J. L. Johnson, J. S. Gray, G. N. Walters and B. Stark.

NO BEER WITHOUT LICENSE.

Mayor Powell Binds a Woman Over to Court for Retailing it.

Mayor Powell is out against the sellers of cider and beer without a license or on Sunday.

Yesterday he fined Jack Gargess, a white man who keeps a store in East Raleigh, \$7.25 for selling cider on Sunday and bound over a woman under a \$5 bond for retailing beer without a license. The trial of the woman's case drew quite a crowd, and about a dozen witnesses were examined.

A man named Dunn was fined \$7.25 for disorderly conduct, and Myrtle Ray, colored, for the same offense, had to pay \$5.25.

TRIAL OF JENKINS FOR RAPE.

His Counsel Asks for Postponement, Saying They can Prove an Alibi.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Asheville, N. C., Oct. 15.—In the trial of Jenkins, the negro thought to be the assailant of Mrs. Spivy, of Fairview, held this morning, the plaintiff holds to the statement that she thinks he is the man.

THE HALL IS IN AN UPROAR.

Politics in Scottish Women's Liberal Federation Nearly Led to Riot.

(By the Associated Press.)
London, Oct. 14.—Internal strife growing out of the question of allegiance to Lord Rosebery or Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman culminated in disorderly scenes and striking vituperation at a meeting yesterday of the Scottish Women's Liberal Federation, composed of the wives of members of Parliament and other notable persons. The members were specially gathered to receive the resignation of the president, Lady Helen Munro-Perguson, the late Lord Dufferin's daughter. She, it appeared after the federation had passed a motion pledging confidence in the Liberal leader in the House of Commons, Campbell-Bannerman, had sent out circulars of Lord Rosebery's Liberal League with the view, so it was alleged, of turning the Federation into an instrument of the former Premier.

In spite of resolutions to the contrary, Lady Helen persisted in staying in the chair, while the discussion of her conduct was going on. She hotly declared the Federation showed the most indecent haste in desiring to get rid of her, adding: "I am in the chair and in the chair I will remain."

The wife of another member of Parliament declared that the Executive Committee had deliberately tampered with Lady Helen's circular by issuing it with underlined sentences, which were not marked by the president. This statement was greeted by a chorus of hisses from the Scotch women assembled. Then the delegates stood up and shouted and the mild confusion prevailed, while the tel-

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