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A MORNING TONIC.

(Hon. Alfred M. Scales.)

I worked as hard as any one to get the negro out of politics, but I thank God that I am not so narrow and so small of soul as to want to deprive him of a chance in life. We must be patient with the negro and we can afford to be magnanimous.

JUSTIFIED BY RESULTS.

About the close of the last session of the Legislature, there went up a hue and cry from certain parties that a great mistake had been made in the Senatorial and Congressional re-districting. In Sunday's News and Observer, Judge Brown paid a deserved compliment to Representative Watts, of Iredell, who was chiefly responsible for the plan of districting adopted. Mr. Watts, speaking for the committee, predicted that under the re-districting the Democrats would elect ten Congressmen and Forty-five State Senators. At the recent election just that many Democrats were elected.

While Mr. Guder only carried the Tenth district for Congress by 183 majority, the Democratic State ticket carried that district by 1,578.

While Mr. Klutz carried the Eighth district by only 1,458, the Democratic State ticket had 2,195 majority.

The other Congressional districts all gave large Democratic majorities, the lowest being over 5,000.

On a party vote, all the districts are Democratic by good, safe majorities. The Democratic majorities in the Eighth and Tenth for Guder and Klutz would have been much larger, but for bribery and debauchery of government distillers.

While an independent was elected in one Senatorial district, the Democratic State ticket had 600 majority in that district. The lowest Democratic majority received in any district, claimed to be Democratic, was 352 in the Twenty-seventh district, Forsyth county. The Republicans carried the five districts, which were laid off for them, two of them by very small majorities. Two years hence, when the distillery debauchery will be ended, they will carry only three of the districts they carried this year.

THEY ARE CATCHING IT.

Already the superintendent of the State penitentiary has defended the Dover camp from the criticism of the Investigating Committee. Today we print an elaborate reply from Mr. A. M. Scales, chairman of the board, refuting the criticism of the management of that institution, and a like communication from leading public officials with reference to the Plymouth Normal School. There are others still to come. When the public gets through with the report, the holes knocked into it will leave it greatly disfigured. It contains much valuable information, many good recommendations, some very wise ones, and some crude and undigested ones.

The legislators and the public will read the criticisms and the replies and give the weight that is due to each recommendation and criticism after full discussion. The committee no doubt expected that the institutions criticized would make reply. It is only by hearing all sides that a correct conclusion can be reached.

The resolutions adopted by the Edenton Street Methodist church in commendation of Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D., will be heartily seconded by the whole community. Raleigh regrets to lose him as a citizen. He is one of the ablest and wisest leaders of his church.

It now turns out that when he was a boy the new Governor of Rhode Island lived in Greensboro, North Carolina. That accounts for his wonderful victory, so the Greensboro papers intimate. It no doubt accounts for his true and undelivered Democratic faith.

The news from Washington is that Mr. Roosevelt is determined to have anti-trust legislation. Let us hope he will be able to secure it and then to enforce it. If he can do both, he will deserve the plaudits of the whole American people.

Mr. A. M. Scales is the mildest mannered man who ever roared to a turn an Investigating Committee.

MR. CLEVELAND ON THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY.

The New York World of Sunday contained as its principal feature a letter by Mr. Cleveland on the outlook for the Democratic party in the future. It is as follows:

My opinions on political matters are well known, and I should hesitate to make any further statement were it not for the urgent solicitation of the World, which is pursuing an editorial policy that must, in my judgment, tell for Democratic success and the public welfare.

Moreover, what I say to the World's representative will, I know, be entirely free from the outrageous attempts lately made to represent me as indorsing not only undemocratic policies, but men who have unfortunately gained temporary Democratic notoriety.

It seems to me that the Democratic situation is such as to awaken the satisfaction and hope of every thorough and consistent Democrat. Our party has certainly regained its old-time fighting condition and recovered the morale that promises old-time success and prestige.

I think, however, while we can safely assume that we are not immediately threatened with a repetition of undemocratic heresy, there are palpable dangers to be avoided if the rejuvenation of Democracy is not to be obstructed.

The movement toward this rejuvenation tends to a complete abandonment of our late yielding to the temptations of expediency, as against a firm adherence to Democratic doctrines.

The condition necessitates, in my opinion, both in the enunciation of platform principles and the selection of candidates, a sturdy and determined march to the goal of substantial and thorough Democracy. In other words, I believe that if the Democratic party is tempted, under a mistaken apprehension of the meaning of the revival of true Democratic sentiment, to stop short of this goal and temporize by presenting to the people platform principles and candidates not entirely in keeping with an absolutely changed policy, it will fail to convince the people of its sincerity or to satisfy them that it can safely be trusted.

Such a condition cannot better be described than by the homely illustration of a man sitting down between two chairs. Such behavior would discourage sincere and thoughtful Democrats, now hopeful and expectant, and repel a large independent contingent who seek relief from the headless arrogance of the Republican party.

It may as well be fully understood that any party promising such relief cannot calculate that the people are in the mood to be deceived or cajoled by tricks of expediency. The movement now under way must be pursued with thoroughness, consistency, and honesty. There need be no fear that a radical return to the true Democracy is dangerous to Democratic success. The history of the party abundantly shows that it is only a departure from principle and yielding to temptations of expediency that have brought disaster.

The hope of the Democratic party lies in the inevitable discovery by our people of its beneficent aims and purposes. Already the beneficiaries of the high protective tariff are so reduced in number and the benefits derived from protection are so palpably lessened, even as applied to the selfish interests of those who have heretofore insisted upon its continuance, that they are inclined to receive with favor the adoption of the Democratic doctrine of a tariff for revenue.

The popular apprehension of the evils of aggressive expansion and its incompatibility with what has always been regarded as safe Americanism is constantly growing and cannot fail to become in the future a most important factor in the political thought of our people.

The tremendous growth of trusts, the immense business aggregations, and the manner in which they stifle healthful competition and throttle individual enterprise cannot pass long unheeded by the voters of the land. The stupendous governmental extravagance that now prevails must be at length appreciated by the people as not only a drain upon their earnings and accumulations, but as a most pernicious example, calculated to undermine the love of wholesome economy among our citizens.

These topics and others which might be mentioned, and the abuses connected with them, should be bravely and uncompromisingly dealt with by the Democratic party, as they all involve Democratic principles. We should have sufficient faith in the intelligence and right-mindedness of our countrymen to arouse a confident anticipation that will speedily confide the treatment of these vital questions to the party which satisfies them of its intention to deal with them in an honest, unequivocal, and patriotic manner.

I see only hope and confidence in the future of the Democracy; but this hope and confidence are based on the belief that the party will be true to itself and true to its profession of devotion to the welfare of the people.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

Those folks who have been working up a breach between the patronage-dispenser (Roosevelt) and the patronage-broker (Fritchard) will soon have a rude awakening.

STATE NEWS.

Dr. Price, a U. S. surgeon, who entered the service from Wilmington, is reported dying at Fort Baird, New returned from the Philippines.

President R. T. Vann, of the Baptist Female University, preached in Asheville on Sunday and raised the \$1,000 pledged to the debt of the Baptist University.

A man named Jarrett, who fell from Beaucatcher mountain at Asheville and sustained serious injuries, has been taken to the hospital. It is feared he will die.

Kenly, N. C., Nov. 24.—On Thanksgiving day a sermon will be preached at Kenly Academy at 11 a. m., by Elder A. R. Flower in the Free Will Baptist church, and Hon. E. V. Pou will speak at night on "North Carolina and Its Future."

The Pee Dee Baptist Association last week raised \$1,500 to be used with a like \$1,500 to be paid by the Baptist church at Wadesboro for the erection of a dormitory for girls. The Wadesboro Baptists had already raised \$1,500 to pay the debt on the \$8,500 property.

Politics and Politicians.

The Caucasian devotes a whole column to endorsing Dr. Kilgo's charge of political wrongs by Methodist stewards, Baptist deacons, Presbyterian elders, and Sunday School teachers of all churches.

Mr. Leonard Tufts has arrived at Pinehurst and is enjoying quail hunting and looking after his large property interests there.—Aberdeen Telegram.

Col. Julian S. Carr announces himself as a candidate to succeed Senator Fritchard. Col. Carr has a warm place in the heart of every true North Carolinian, and though he was defeated in the last Senatorial contest, 'twas because the time was not ripe for his candidacy and not from any fear as to his fitness. He is a great man and his popularity is not confined to his native heath.—Williamston Enterprise.

The Oxford Public Ledger urges Gen. B. S. Royster for State Democratic chairman and says: "He is a man of capacity in every way—a wise leader, a sagacious politician and a man above suspicion as to character. He is just now in the prime of a vigorous manhood—both physical and intellectual—and is peculiarly fitted to discharge the duties of chairman, and is also an able speaker. As county chairman he has led us to several signal victories. He is well known in the State and would make us a wise, safe and capable leader, so let him be made chairman!"

BOY SHOT IN PLAY.

The Big Injun Didn't Know the Gun Was Loaded.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Goldboro, N. C., Nov. 24.—Geo. S. Prichard, Jr., the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Prichard, of this city, was severely wounded on Saturday evening by being shot in the shoulder by another boy, about the same age, who did not know the gun was loaded. Several young boys between the ages of 12 and 15 years, were playing Indians out near Bellevue, a northern suburb of the city. They had their camps and were defending them with fire-arms, which they supposed were empty. George Prichard, a member of a hostile tribe, approached the tent which young Frank Castex was guarding. When within a few feet of the camp Castex ordered Prichard to halt, which he did not do, and Castex placed his gun to his shoulder and pulled the trigger, expecting only to hear the sharp click of the trigger. To the horror of Castex the gun fired and the whole load of No. 8 shot took effect in the left shoulder of Prichard, who was not more than eighteen inches away from the muzzle of the gun when it fired. He did not fall but very luckily told the boys that he was shot, and asked them to pull off his coat, which was done at once and a handkerchief was bound over the wound, which was then bleeding profusely. The young man exhibited considerable cool nerve and walked a half mile toward home before he finally became exhausted. He was taken to his home in a vehicle where his wound received attention. The examination revealed the fact that considerable of the muscle had been torn away and that the arm, even if it does not have to be amputated, will never be used again to advantage.

A one-week term of Superior court convened in this city today, with Judge Robinson presiding and Solicitor Jones at his post.

The entire term will be taken up, doubtless with the trial of criminal cases, there being three capital cases on the docket: that of Winn, colored, for the killing of his cousin at Mt. Olive; Pritchard, white, for the murder of his wife, near Eureka, and that of a negro for assault upon an old colored woman near Fremont.

H. & B. Beer's Market Letter.

(Special to the News and Observer.)
New Orleans, La., Nov. 24.—Liverpool was much better than expected, consequently our market opened 8 to 11 points higher, eased off 4 to 5 on the liberal estimates tomorrow at New Orleans, Galveston and Houston, but subsequently improved 7 to 9 points from the bottom to the continuance of rains in Northern Texas, the expectation of a freeze in that State over night, and the anticipation of a very small estimate from the bureau on December 3rd. Near the close values eased off slightly, making the next gain 14 to 15 points on the day. Manchester cables say that the firmness of the raw articles during the past week has stiffened the stand taken by producers and has hampered the operation of buyers, its advance, however, was maintained chiefly by speculation.

Offerings from India were unimportant and no improvement in the outlook from China has taken place. Rains were reported in the western portion of the belt today and generally fair weather prevailed elsewhere. The temperature ranged from 50 to 60 degrees. Showers are predicted over the eastern portion of this district tonight or Tuesday, while generally fair weather is indicated for the western portion. The temperature will fall except over the extreme southwestern portion, and it will probably freeze over the Panhandle of Texas. The claims of excessive damage to the crop in Texas, coupled to the general opinion that the bureau estimate will be very small on December 3rd, has occasioned a reaction of 60 points from the bottom. This is certainly a sharp and rapid enhancement and discounts a great deal in the situation. We therefore suggest that our friends now work on conservative lines. The receipts, weather and spot demand will continue to regulate the future course of values.

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AT THE STATE NORMAL.

Progress on the Alumni Building and the Peabody Park

(Special to the News and Observer.)
Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 24.—Mr. H. J. Blauvaut, of Richmond, supervisors architect of the new students' \$300,000 building, being erected by the Alumni of the State Normal and Industrial College is in the city, looking after the work. He says it is being done very satisfactorily and progress on the building is gratifying. When completed not a dollar will be due on the splendid structure.

Another delightful improvement, now under way is the Normal Peabody Park, Mr. George Foster Peabody, of New York, donated \$5,000 for beautifying the large plot of land owned by the institution as a recreation and practice ground. In the office of Manning Bros., the celebrated landscape architects of Boston, there was a lady graduate of the Normal, Miss Dees, of Pamlico county, N. C. By rapid promotions she had become chief stenographer and confidential secretary of this firm. Exulting over this gift to her Alma Mater one day, Mr. Warren Manning began an investigation of conditions, which resulted in a tender of the very best talent of the firm, as an additional donation, as a mark of their appreciation of the good work of the college. It is said that this contribution would have cost \$2,500, which means that the park will be a splendid one, where otherwise it could not have been. Recently four young ladies, students of the college, but who boarded in private families, were taken sick with fever and removed to the infirmary. Two of these have recovered sufficiently to go home, and the other two are convalescent sufficient to sit up. There have been no other cases of fever out of the five hundred present.

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