

THE WEATHER TODAY

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23—North Carolina, fair Thursday and Friday, warmer in interior Thursday, fresh northeast winds.

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THE WHITE HOUSE IS NOW REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS

Here the Nation's Cabinet Meets Chiefly to Scheme and Plot in the Interest of a Party Dictator and His Chosen Heir

DR. BANCROFT A NOTABLE CONVERT

Former Chief of the Bureau of Rolls and Library of the Department of State at Washington, Leaves the Republican Ranks, Declares for Bryan and Gives His Reasons for so Doing—Says Roosevelt is "Trying to Compel the Nation to Approve His Usurpations and to Accept His Favorite—The Executive Branch of the People's Government is Given to and Forced Upon a Party—The White House, With Rent, Clerk Hire and Governmental Resources, All Free, Has Now Become Republican Headquarters."

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Ill., Oct. 22.—The Democratic cause has received a notable recruit from Republican ranks in the person of Frederic Bancroft, D. C., of Washington. Dr. Bancroft was chief of the Bureau of Rolls and the Library of the Department of State, a lecturer on law and politics in diverse colleges and is now editing and completing the Memoirs of Charles, being published in McClure's Magazine.

In answer to a letter from a college professor, Dr. Bancroft writes the following letter, which affords a summary of some of the issues in the campaign which appeal to men of his type:

"My Dear Professor Dodd: I have your letter of the tenth inst., asking what I think and where I stand in this campaign. Party interests and ties usually mean but little more to me in politics than in history. My earliest and most lasting political enthusiasms have been for the republican reformers advocated by George William Curtis, David A. Wells and Carl Schurz—civil service reform and tariff reform with the ultimate aim of a strictly revenue system. Much of this school of reformers led the opposition to what is generally characterized as "imperialism," that is, opposition to foreign conquest, a colonial system and an extravagant and aggressive policy of the army and navy. To the monopolistic and unscrupulous trusts and corporations and to the secret use of vast sums of money in politics the opposition has recently been the roughly unpopular. Only individuals and organizations that hoped to profit by these evils have ventured to defend them. Such seem to me to be the leading issues of the campaign. I could not favor the election of Judge Taft without feeling that I was on the wrong side of each of these important questions. Here are my reasons:

"What grosser violation of the spirit of civil service reform could there be than for the President, who holds one of the most dignified offices on earth, and is the nation's representative and as such is given special prerogatives and respect, to misapply the great powers of this public trust by pressing upon his party the nomination of a member of his Cabinet, who otherwise would have had no prospect of success? One violation could, indeed, be grosser, and that we have seen and are sure to see until the end of this campaign. The President, after taking dictatorial control of the Republican national organization and employing his presidential functions as a personal asset, is trying to compel the nation to approve his usurpations and to accept his favorite. The executive branch of the government is given to, and forced upon a party. The White House, with rent, clerk hire and governmental resources, all free, has now become national headquarters. Here the nation's cabinet—whose members are not haranguing from the stump—meets, not as formerly to consult society about the national welfare, but chiefly to scheme and plot in the interest of a party—of a party dictator and of his chosen political heir. Here party managers of high and of low degree are summoned and furtively slip in by night and by day to give reports to receive reports and to take instructions as to how to be more effective partisans. Thence secret emissaries are dispatched, passionate and undignified denunciations and ardent appeals are sent to the four winds and party bulletins are daily, often twice daily, sent forth by the should-be president of the whole people."

Folger and New York. In 1882 President Arthur was supposed to have forced the Republicans of New York to take his Secretary of the Treasury, Judge Folger, a man of unquestionable character and ability, as their candidate for the Governorship. By heaping up a plurality of nearly two hundred thousand votes in favor of Grover Cleveland, the Democratic candidate, the New York Republicans of twenty-six years ago reminded the amiable Arthur that it was a serious offence for a President to interfere with the popular selection of candidates for office. A few years ago we saw Governor Odell try to combine the highest executive office in New York with the chairmanship of the Republican State Committee. He was soon hurled from his high estate and is revised more wisely than Lueder to rise again. Certainly President Roosevelt merits a rebuke tenfold more emphatic and far-reaching than President Arthur or Governor Odell received. And Judge Taft, who is voluntarily the occasion and beneficiary of President Roosevelt's violations of the traditions of an almost sacred office and of decent civil service, deserves to be the object of the rising popular indignation.

Concerning the Tariff. As to the tariff, Judge Taft is no longer taken seriously by persons who wish to see it revised in the direction of a strictly revenue system, with most raw materials on the free list. After the example of President Roosevelt, he once ventured to sound the keynote of true tariff reform; but deep and eternal silence on that subject soon became one of the most profound of "my policies," and the cautious editor now sings only of "protection." The whole scheme of this so-called "protection" has been one of favoritism for the rich, the strong and the ardent, at the expense of the mass of people and nearly all tariffs devised by the Republicans have surpassed in favoritism and folly the

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THEY HAVE NO METRE ON THE SUN

Evidence That Republicans Don't Control Prosperity

BRYAN IN WEST VIRGINIA

Democracy's Leader Carries His Warfare Into West Virginia and is Enthusiastically Received Everywhere—Speaks to Many Farmers and Miners—Overtions and Rousing Receptions Given.

(By the Associated Press.) Hinton, W. Va., Oct. 22.—Enthusiastically received everywhere, William J. Bryan today carried his warfare into West Virginia. The line of travel took him through the Ohio, Kanawha and New River valleys and he was afforded an opportunity to speak to many farmers and miners. Having had but four and a half hours rest following his campaign in Ohio yesterday, he was out on the platform as early as seven o'clock, telling the farmers in his opinion, why they should vote the Democratic ticket. The Republican party has no policy to offer which would bring them relief.

Passing on into the coal district, he devoted much attention to the labor question, and while not specifically referring to Mr. Roosevelt's letter, entered a defense of President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor. He repeated his warning to laboring men not to be coerced by their employers into voting against their wills. The most notable demonstration accorded him was at Charleston. He was escorted through the streets by a number of uniformed marching clubs, headed by bands, while almost every building was decorated with flags and bunting. From the moment he left his special train across the river until he reached the platform on a lot across from the court house.

IN GOOD CONDITION

North Carolina Pine Association in Semi-Annual Session in Norfolk

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Oct. 22.—The North Carolina Pine Association, controlling the large lumber mills in Eastern Virginia, Maryland, North and South Carolina, met here today in semi-annual session, President E. C. Fousburgh presiding. The reports of the officers showed the Association to be in good condition, with many new members added. Trade discussions were a feature of the session.



BOODLE SENT TO NORTH CAROLINA

Duncan Persuaded Sheldon to Send Corruption Fund

COMPLAINT IN NEW YORK

Republicans in Gotham Denounce as a "Fool's Errand" Taft's Visit to the South—A Waste of Good Money They Say, to Listen to Duncan's Tale That Cash Spent Here Would Help Their Cause.

(Special to News and Observer.) New York, N. Y., Oct. 22.—There is some complaint here where the Republicans are up against a hard proposition because Committee member Carl Duncan persuaded Treasurer Shelton to send some campaign boodle to North Carolina. They denounce as a "fool's errand" Taft's visit to the South and a waste of good money to listen to Duncan's tale that cash spent in North Carolina will help the Republican party. They say the fight is here and that Taft should have saved his voice for New York. Instead of wasting it in a wild goose chase in strong Democratic territory. But they care less about wasting his voice than about the dollars Duncan persuaded the National Committee to send to North Carolina. They need it here and they do not like to see a dollar go where it will not help to influence votes for the Republican ticket. The fight here is so hard a one that the Republicans have despaired of carrying it by appeals to reason or to logic. The Wall street gamblers are being compelled to pay up each to pay for a big

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PAST \$3500 GOES THE FUND

Boys and Girls of Clayton High School Contribute and Aulander Fourteen Year Old Boy Raises Fund

With a jump the Bryan-Kern fund passed \$3,500 yesterday and it now amounts to \$3,635.10. The lists of yesterday increased the fund by \$147.85. There were two notable additions to the list yesterday, one being a subscription of \$15.00 from a newly organized Bryan-Kern Club of the Clayton High School, the boys and girls contributing to help in the election. The young folks deserve high praise for their work. The other notable subscription list was that sent in from Aulander, the fund being raised by C. W. Mitchell, Jr., aged 14, son of Hon. C. W. Mitchell, who shows he will make as good a Democrat as his father.

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RADICAL RASCALS BUSY IN NEW YORK

Padded Registration Rolls With Thousands of Names

CONNORS WILL FIGHT

Democratic Executive Committee Appoints a State Law Committee, Who Will Be Assisted by Special Deputies to See That Ballots Are Honestly Cast and Counted.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 22.—Charges were made today by William J. Connors, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, that the Republican organization in up-State counties had padded the registration rolls with from 10,000 to 20,000 names, and to prevent the casting of a fraudulent vote, the executive committee has appointed a State law committee with former Judge Alton B. Parker as chairman. Mr. Connors said that the law committee would be composed of about 500 attorneys, and that on election day these attorneys would be assisted by special deputies in each election district to see that ballots were honestly cast and counted. Mr. Connors said: "There will be no voting of dead men by the Republicans in this election, and the State Committee will see that our opponents are not permitted to run men over from Pennsylvania and Canada to vote them in this State. Already we have discovered hundreds of cases of fraudulent registration up-State and have succeeded in having the names stricken from the lists. "We want a square deal. We are

TAFT'S RELISH FOR CROW CAUSES MUCH SURPRISE

It is Only When He Isn't a Candidate That He Gives a Correct Delineation of the Character of the Gang of Doodlers

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Of All the People Who Were Surprised at the Republican Candidate's Swallowing His Words of Two Years Ago in His Recent Speech at Greensboro, Mr. A. R. Parkhurst, Who Was Then Managing Editor of the Industrial News, the Radical Organ, and Who Quoted His Former Words in That Paper, Was the Most Surprised—Mr. Parkhurst Again Quotes Taft's Words of Two Years Ago.

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TAFT TRYING THE PANIC SCARE TALK

"Flow and Current" of Prosperity, "Be Gad"

A DAY IN INDIANA

Taft Endeavors to Scare Voters With Promise That If Bryan is Elected the "Flow and Current" of Prosperity That Has Prevailed Will Cease—Means "Flow and Current" Towards the Trusts.

(By the Associated Press.) Evansville, Ind., Oct. 22.—William H. Taft found it necessary to surprise the listeners and applauders have numbered thousands. Judge Taft talked today to many labor audiences, and it was noticeable that what he said was more educational than heretofore. At Linton, where he spoke to several thousand coal miners, he gave them the history of the writ of injunction, something he has not previously done. At Terre Haute, he made a clear distinction between the Republican and Democratic platforms on the use of the injunction, and declared business to be prosperous. While Mr. Bryan has not been overlooked during the day, there were two occasions when Candidate Debs came in for attention. These were at Terre Haute, the home of Debs, and at the two Evansville addresses addressed by Judge Taft today. In both instances Mr. Debs was classed as a socialist, a doctrine regarding which the candidate expressed the belief that the American people were not prepared yet to accept. The largest outdoor gathering Mr. Taft said he had addressed, was assembled at Terre Haute when the Taft special arrived there this afternoon. There were many in ear-load of local politicians who escorted the candidate to the gathering, the State had ever had. The injunction was the feature of this speech, and the candidate declared with great vehemence: "That is (Continued on Page Six.)"

WROTE TAFT'S PLATFORM

Attorney-Gen. Wade Ellis Holds That the Maintenance of Separate Schools for Negro Pupils is Illegal

(By the Associated Press.) Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 22.—Attorney-General Wade H. Ellis, of Ohio, today held that the maintenance of separate schools for negro pupils is illegal and brings out that such a violation exists in Huron county. The opinion holds that the denial to colored children of equal rights in a graded school established for white children is unlawful.

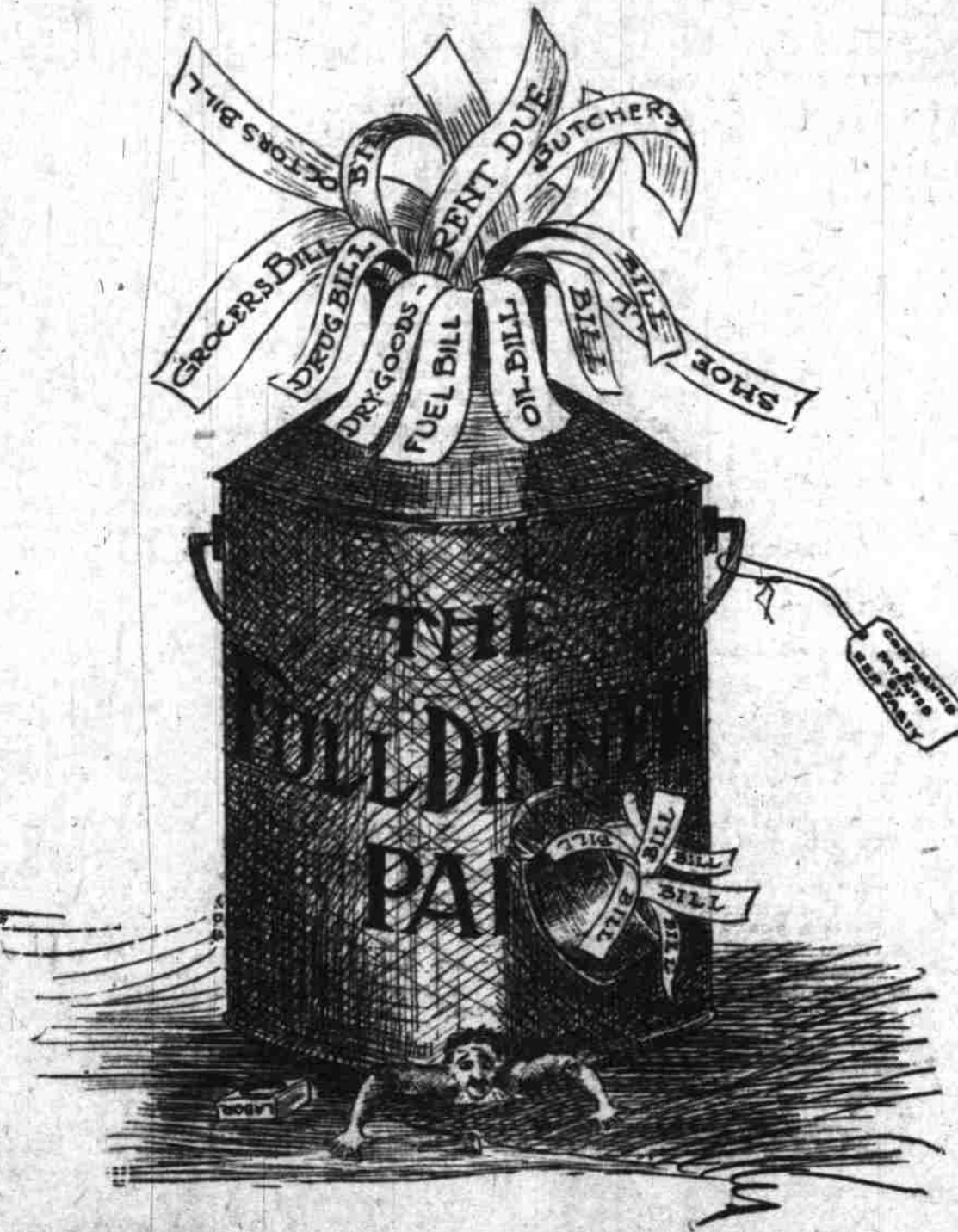
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Referring to the fact that Mr. Taft tried to escape from his faithful description of Republican office-holders in North Carolina, Mr. Parkhurst yesterday wrote the following statement for a paper elsewhere: "Mr. Taft then and now. "In the course of his recent whirlwind tour of the South, William H. Taft found it necessary to surprise the words he uttered just twenty-seven months ago when he was dragged to Greensboro, N. C. by that most astute of all Tar Heel-Populist-Republicans, former Senator Mark Butler, in order to settle a factional fight that threatened to disrupt the party at that time. "Two years ago last July, Mr. Taft in an address before a vast assemblage in Greensboro, said: "The most serious handicap which the Republican party of the South and North Carolina in particular, is afflicted with, is the pernicious policy of the Federal office-holders. They have only their own axes to grind and care nothing for the growth and progress of the party, which seats and could not find good, clean and honest Republicans to replace the present incumbents. I would fill every office with Democrats, for I know that the highest type of the Southern gentleman to be found in the Democratic party. "Last week there were thirty thousand visitors in Greensboro, due to the celebration of that most thriving little city's centennial anniversary, yet when Mr. Taft was conducted to the Grand Opera House for his return speech, less than two thousand people greeted him. He later appeared in the New Auditorium, which seats more than twelve thousand people, yet the seats were not half filled when Mr. Taft spoke. "Much interest was manifested in Mr. Taft's speech for his previous utterance was still fresh in the minds of those who had assembled to greet him. "Mr. Taft opened his address by saying: "If this is only right or me to preface my address today by stating that I was grossly misquoted while a visitor to your city two years ago, I did not attack the Federal office-holders, nor did I say that I would replace them with Democrats, had I the opportunity. "That was all. Mr. Taft had swallowed his words, or else given the lie direct to those who reported his speech, and this to the very faces of hundreds of Greensboro's most intelligent citizens who had heard his effort of two years ago."

"Fear in mind that the above was written by the gentleman who was managing editor of the Industrial News in Greensboro at the time that Mr. Taft made the speech he is now trying to get away from. He could have no motive in making anything but a truthful statement. Mr. Taft, seeing that his truthful characterization of the Republican office-holders and leaders in North Carolina didn't take well, is easily persuaded that he didn't say exactly what he did say. In this matter he is merely going what he did in Ohio. Two years ago he went to Ohio and made a speech denouncing Cox, the Boss of Cincinnati. This year Mr. Taft is "hobnobbing" with Cox and made him a delegate from Ohio to the National convention. It is only when he isn't a candidate that he gives a correct delineation of the character of the gang in Ohio and North Carolina upon whom he is dependent to carry the election.



What Republican Prosperity Brings—Bill Taft's Full Dinner Pail. (Cartoon by Van Dalen Stronach, Raleigh, N. C.)