

There was a conference, or secret caucus, of the Republican leaders of this State held at Greensboro on last Saturday. There were present nearly all the members of the Republican State executive committee, and also a number of other prominent Republicans. It is a significant fact that nearly all the Republican State committeemen are Federal office-holders. This is nothing new, however, for such has been the case ever since the Republican party has existed in this State. In fact there would have been no Republican party in this State for many years if there had been no Federal offices and patronage with which to tempt and reward hungry office-seekers.

It is said that at this conference special stress was laid on the importance of pursuing such a policy as would attract good men to the Republican party. This is an admission, and it certainly is a fact, that the Republican party in North Carolina, as in every Southern State, has been sadly deficient in "good men." While there are and have been some good men in the Republican party in this State, yet it is a notorious fact that good white men generally would not join a party, a majority of whose members were ignorant negroes.

The most prominent speaker at this Republican conference was Harry Skinner, the former Populist leader and special champion of the Sub-Treasury banking, and who in 1892 declined the Populist nomination for Governor because he was afraid it might help to elect the Republican nominee.

How times and men change! Eighteen divorce suits are for trial at the present term of the superior court of Wake county. This is a startling statement and should cause all good citizens to condemn the divorce laws which disgrace our State.

We do not cite this large number of divorce suits as a reflection on Wake county especially, for unfortunately there are many other counties which have at every court just as many divorce suits in proportion to their population. Wake is not any worse in this respect than other counties. In every county, at nearly every term of court, there are several divorces granted.

Before the war divorces were of rare occurrence in this State, as all our older readers will remember. But it must not be understood from this that the divorces are chiefly granted to the colored people. Unfortunately too many divorces are granted to white people. The trouble is that our divorce laws have been amended so much that there are now too many grounds allowed for divorces. And an unsuccessful effort was made in the last Legislature to extend these grounds still farther.

Our lax divorce laws should be revised and repealed, and to accomplish this all good citizens should use their influence and best efforts.

A novel suit was tried last week in the superior court of Brunswick county. It was a civil action brought by Mr. Francis M. Moore for the recovery of \$20,000 from the Noyassa Gum Company as damages to his farm caused by the chemicals used in making their fertilizers. The allegation was that these chemicals poisoned the atmosphere and destroyed, or greatly injured, the crops that were planted on the plaintiff's farm, which is adjacent to the company's factory. The jury gave the plaintiff over \$5,000 damages.

How have the mighty fallen! The idea of Hal Ayer being a "Wall Street platonist." Who would have believed it only a few short years ago?

Yes, it is announced that Mr. Hal W. Ayer has moved to New York City and has become a partner in a firm on Wall Street. And yet this self-same individual was Chairman of the Populist State Executive Committee and editor of The Caucasian, professing to be the special champion of the farmers!

Some Census Statistics.
Washington, Oct. 11.—The final census report on the population of the United States by sex, nativity and color was issued today. It shows that the males number 39,059,242, or 51.2 per cent. of the total population in 1900. The increase since 1890 is made up of 6,741,179 males and 6,648,876 females; an increase of 29.9 of males and 21.1 of females. The foreign-born element increased only 12.4 per cent., and the native born population 22.5 per cent. since 1890. As to color and race, the population in 1900 comprises 66,990,802 white persons and 9,312,585 colored persons, the latter comprising 8,810,789 persons of negro descent. The colored element as a whole shows an increase of 17.8 per cent. since 1890.

The colored element constituted 12.4 per cent. of the total population in 1900, as against 12.5 per cent. in 1890, the negro element alone representing of the total population 11.6 per cent. in 1900, and 11.9 per cent. in 1890. These figures show a loss, therefore, of three-tenths of one per cent. in the proportion of persons of negro descent in 1900, as compared with 1890, and a corresponding increase in that for the whites.

The white population shows an increase since 1890 of 11,821,618 or 21.4 per cent., and the colored element as a whole 1,501,791, or 17.8 per cent. There has been an increase during the past ten years in persons of negro descent of 1,352,601, or 18.1 per cent., and in Japanese of 71,797, or 497.2 per cent. The Chinese, on the other hand, show a loss since 1890 of 7,728, or 6.1 per cent., while the Indians have decreased from 273,697 in 1890 to 256,750 in 1900, equivalent to a loss of 25 per cent.

Twenty-Six to see Congress Die.
Albany, N. Y., Oct. 14.—Superintendent Cornelius V. Collins will send a request to Secretary of State Hay to designate an official representative of the Government to be present at the electrocution of Louis F. Cadogan, the murderer of President McKinley. Only twenty-six witnesses will be present in the chamber of death when the sentence is executed. William Mead of Auburn prison, has sent to Captain Collins the requests he has received for permission to attend the electrocution, over one thousand in all. The law will limit the number of witnesses and the superintendent will decide who the witnesses will be.

Through Niagara Rapids.
Niagara Falls, N. Y., October 12.—Peter Nissen, of Chicago, successfully navigated the whirlpool rapids this afternoon in a 21-foot cigar shaped boat called "The Fool Killer."

Nissen has been taking soundings in the river below the falls and had secured much valuable data.

Today's trip through the whirlpool rapids was witnessed by 15,000 people. Nissen left the Canadian shore from a point near the falls at 2 o'clock. After cruising about in the still water for two hours, he floated into the rapids. "The Fool Killer" passed through the rapids in four minutes. Nissen attempted to take soundings in the rapids, but the force of the water broke his cable.

Charged with Fourteen Murders.

Dayton, O., Oct. 11.—Police Surgeon McBride today swore out a warrant charging Mrs. Mary Belle Wither with murder in the first degree. Mrs. Wither has been accused of causing the death of fourteen people, but no charge of murder has been placed against her until today. The specific case as charged by McBride is that on September 27 Mrs. Wither did wilfully and purposely kill by means of poison, Ann C. Pugh, her sister, who was sick at the time and had employed Mrs. Wither as nurse. The police acted upon the suggestions of Coroner Hatcher.

Foot Ball Player Killed.

Philadelphia, Oct. 13.—Edwin Longenecker, aged 24 years, quarterback on the football team of the Brown Preparatory school, of this city, died late last night in a hospital as a result of injuries received in a game last Tuesday. Longenecker, who was preparing to enter Cornell University, was heavily thrown and fractured his spinal column. He became paralyzed and an operation was performed on him last Friday. He took a relapse yesterday and died at midnight.

An Anarchist Goes to the Penitentiary.

New York, Oct. 14.—John Most, the anarchist, was sentenced today to one year in the penitentiary in the Court of Special Sessions for publishing in his paper, The Freiheit, an alleged, scurrilous article on the day following the shooting of President McKinley.

This fall nine States will hold State elections. They are Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Iowa and Nebraska.

Yesterday's Letter.
(From our Special Correspondent.)
Washington, Oct. 16th, 1901.

On Sunday evening last Senator Thomas C. Platt of New York arrived in Washington. He dined at the White House and spent the evening in earnest consultation with the President. On Monday your correspondent called upon him at the Arlington Hotel and secured an interview. Senator Platt said that perfect harmony existed between himself and President Roosevelt in regard to New York politics and that the President was heartily in favor of the election of Mr. Low and would lend his influence, in so far as was proper, to that end. When asked his opinion as to the extent to which tariff revision would be brought into the next session he protested that he was too much occupied with the New York campaign at this time to have an opinion on the subject. When his attention was called to the statement of Representative S. Reno E. Payne, of New York and chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, Senator Platt remarked very naively that tariff revision would mean a great deal of work for Mr. Payne.

As may be imagined from the foregoing, Senator Platt was not in a very communicative frame of mind, but he seldom is. He has the reputation of being one of the most taciturn of politicians, even when undergoing the most arduous questioning. The Senator expressed surprise at the impression that had gotten abroad that Collector George K. Whitehead of Porto Rico was to succeed Appraiser Wakeham and a shade of professional jealousy passed over his face when he was told that Secretary Clegg had recommended Mr. Wakeham for the place. "Secretary Clegg is not a New York Republican but the President is," he said, "and the President knows what New York Republicans are entitled to recommend." "I am sure Secretary Clegg has never recommended Mr. Whitehead's selection to me."

The statement of Representative Payne above is feared to be in part correct. "Any law which goes from the House to the Senate is open to the full consideration and discussion of every item in the tariff schedules. That this would result in great uneasiness in business affairs, a loss of confidence and secondarily a large temporary loss at least to the people of the country cannot be disputed. The tariff question should not be opened unless for the most imperative reasons and only when the benefits would outweigh the temporary embarrasment and loss resulting from it. We are running along prosperously now with the present tariff law."

The truth of the matter is that Mr. Payne is afraid to open the question. The people of the country and particularly of the Northwest are demanding a reduction of the tariff rates. This demand is not confined to the Democrats but is heard on all sides. The action of Representative Gable in introducing his reduction bill last year was an evidence of the growing spirit. When seen a few evenings ago at the Raleigh, Mr. Gable informed your correspondent that he was going to push his bill this session because the people demanded it. His constituents want it. Mr. Gable is very much in the same position as was W. R. Morrison, now Director of the Census, when he was running for governor of Minnesota. Mr. Morrison was talking tariff reform and the chairman of the Republican national committee called him to task for it. "The people want it," was Mr. Morrison's reply and unless I talk tariff reform I won't be elected." He continued to talk it and he was elected.

How many representatives will come to Washington on the first of December with the knowledge that their future political life is dependent on their voting for a revision of the tariff it is impossible to predict but there is reason to believe that there will be enough to insure its being undertaken. But even if tariff revision is attempted it will never be accomplished along lines that will satisfy the people. By its tariff legislation the Republican party has built up the trusts and now the trusts control the party. The tariff revision of the people demands a revision of those policies that favor the trusts and that is precisely what the trusts will not permit. The party managers appreciate this fact and will use every endeavor to divert public attention from the real issues but they can't fool all the people all of the time and the Democratic leaders who meet in Washington all express themselves as confident that the time is not far off when the Republican ship will silver itself on the trust rock.

Raleigh News and Observer: The ten-year-old son of Mr. E. E. Wolfelt was killed near Littleton. He was playing in cotton seed. The seed were spread over the floor about four feet deep and holes dug in them to prevent heating. The little boy was playing in them alone and crawled in one of the holes and fast, the seed closing in around him causing death.

Two Boys for Shooting.
Landville, Col., Oct. 13.—The town is wild with excitement over the killing today of one boy and the fatal wounding of two others by Jesse Sherman, a prominent ranchman living near here.

Sherman caught the boys, supposedly poaching upon his rabbit preserve, and started after them with a shot gun. Ed Harrington, 16 years old, was killed; Earl King, aged 17, was fatally wounded; James Conshine, aged 14, was shot through the back and hip. Sherman took the three boys to town and gave himself up. He asserts the gun was accidentally discharged while he was running. He was arrested on the charge of murder. Sherman, with his family, are among the most respected people in this part of the country.

Gov. Aycock has fixed Monday, November 11, as the date for the execution of Drew Vaughan, the colored murderer, at Winton, Hertford county.

Judge M. H. Justice says he will not be a candidate for a position on the Supreme court bench, but will be a candidate for reelection as Superior court judge.

A memorial church has lately been erected and dedicated on the site of Jefferson Davis' birthplace in Fairview, Ky. A slab of Tennessee marble set in the wall bears this inscription: "Jefferson Davis, of Mississippi, was born June 8, 1808, on the site of this church. He made a gift of the lot March 10, 1886, to the local Baptist church as a thank offering to God."

A Word to Travelers.
The excitement incident to traveling and change of food and water often brings on diarrhoea, and for this reason no one should leave home without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by G. R. Pilkington.

Davidson Dispatch: A two thousand pound rock fell upon Mr. Cook Postinger in Emmons on Saturday evening, crushing his head and body into a horrible mass and killing him instantly. Mr. Postinger was at work about 200 feet below the ground in Emmons Mine. He was engaged in hauling ore and was pushing a small cart along a track when he stepped out on a pile of ore and while he was on the pile a large rock fell over the track from a point above the track, striking him full and squarely upon the head and shoulders.

Greensboro Record: Sam Harvey, a cigar maker of this city, jumped in front of a train on the A. & Y. road near Gasworks' foundry shortly after noon Thursday and was killed instantly. Both arms were cut off and his body was terribly mangled. A few minutes previous he confessed to parties standing in front of Harlow's store that he was the man who broke in the store last night and stole a few articles. He had his confusion with the statement that he was going to commit suicide by jumping in front of a train. He deliberately walked to the crossing and made the jump. The engineer stopped his train as soon as possible, but before Harvey could be taken from under the wheels he expired.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE! At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina, held at Raleigh, N. C., on the 10th day of October, 1901, the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That the University of North Carolina shall continue to support the University of North Carolina, and shall continue to support the University of North Carolina, and shall continue to support the University of North Carolina.

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