

"DARK HORSE" TALK? BUT THAT CAN'T STOP THE HUSTLERS

SUBSCRIPTIONS POURING IN AND CONTENT DEPARTMENT WORKING OVERTIME - THE NEXT FEW HOURS MEANS VOTES!

One of the features of the contest which is enjoying its share of interest is the rumor concerning a "dark horse" candidate...

With each succeeding day the vote grows larger and the interest of the public greater in the contest.

candidates are vying with each other in getting the greatest number of subscriptions...

No Partiality Shows. The contest is being and will be conducted on impartial lines...

PRESIDENT LENIENT

HE DIRECTS ADMISSION OF WELSH MINER'S FAMILY OF SEVEN MOTHERLESS CHILDREN - THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S CONCLUSIONS - ADVISES ELEMENTARY CONGESTION

New York, Oct. 19.—President Taft had his first view today of that wonderful piece of machinery on Ellis Island...

The human interest side of that work at the big immigrant station appealed to the president keenly.

Mr. Taft proved a lenient judge and it was indeed a happy fate which brought nearly a score of rejected immigrants to the bar for final decision...

The most interesting case of all was that of a Welsh miner and his family of seven motherless children.

"HOUSEHOLD NEEDS"

- All Linen Damask Table Cloth, lengths 2 1-2, 3 and 3 1-2 yards, prices \$3.00, \$3.75 up to \$5.50 per Cloth. Napkins to match from \$2.50 up to \$5.00.

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The Gem Theatre H. G. SPARROW, Manager

A SUMMER IDYL (Biograph) Dramatic. LOST IN THE MOUNTAIN (Glick) Comedy. THE WHITE MAN'S MONEY (Kajon) Indian Drama.

GIVES REASON FOR SO DOING

Wilson, Oct. 19.—In the Wilson Times Mr. John D. Meares, who has been a lifelong Republican, gives his reasons why he joins his lot with Democrats, viz.:

"After due consideration, I have decided to cast my future fortunes with the Democratic party. Mr. Taft said, by actions, if not by words, I cannot find a Republican in North Carolina fit to be an inferior judge of the Federal Court...

"I have given the best years of my life to the service of the Republican party, and the thanks I get for it is a recommendation for a so-called leader of the Republican party in Wilson county, who has never been seen in a Republican convention...

"So young man, when thinking about making up your mind what party to join with your first vote, join a party whose doors stand ever open and offer a hearty welcome to you, rather than a party which prefers even Democratic negroes to a decent white man."

"For the balance of my life, all that I am, my non-voice and services are at the command of the Democratic party, and if there is any Republican in Wilson county who wants to debate with me my personal character or the issues in this campaign, just name your time and place, and I will be too happy to meet you with an equal division of dime."

"So, fare you well, Republican party! I bid you a long adieu. I may go to the devil, but I'll never come back to you."

"JOHN D. MEARES. "P. S.—When I decided to take this step I was holding an office at the hands of the Republican administration, but, realizing I could no longer support the Republican party and its policies in the state and nation, I cheerfully sent in my resignation."

"I go to the Democratic party with out reward or hope of reward, or without consulting with a single person about the matter; and no doubt this letter will be a great surprise to the leading Democrats of this county, as well as others."

A republican wag, after reading the above, and seeing how the cat is going to jump, hung crepe on the Wilson postoffice door, with a card reading: "As Meares has gone, so will others follow, like rats deserting a sinking ship."

Balloons Still Going. Chicago, Oct. 19.—Seven balloons containing in the international race for the James Gordon Bennett cup, which started from St. Louis Monday afternoon, are believed to be speeding northward across Canada today.

From the Fair. Messrs. C. H. Russell of Belhaven, John Roberts, Swan Quarter; Romulus Watson, Swan Quarter; William Boomer, Swan Quarter; Zack Benson, Swan Quarter and Hardin Swindell, Swan Quarter, are in the way today from Raleigh on their way home from attending the State Fair in Raleigh.

Decided Improvement. When the alterations now in progress on the residence of Mrs. Mary Baughan are completed it will be one of the most attractive in the city.

Next Number. The next number of the Literary Column will be on November day.

LOCKE CRAIG CHARMS AUDIENCE

Washington today gave a cordial and sincere greeting to Hon. Locke Craig, the gifted orator of the mountains, who made a splendid speech at the courthouse today at 11 o'clock.

For years he has been the recognized leader of the democracy of the west. He has a style attractive and sincere, his arguments are enriched with illustrations, showing his ripe scholarship and mastery of the English language.

Mr. Craig simply captured the city. From start to finish he had his audience laughing and hurraing. Wherever he speaks in North Carolina the people will be delighted and convinced. Democratic votes will be the outcome.

It was a regular old time Democratic oration accorded to Hon. Locke Craig today by the citizens of Washington. The distinguished son of Buncombe was presented to the audience by Mr. Joseph F. Taylor in a neat and orate speech.

The speech was indeed a gem. It tore the drapery of hypocrisy from about Marion Butler and left him exposed to all his nakedness.

It would be a difficult task to put in print accurately this masterly speech; words cannot be framed in type to set before the people of this county a correct picture of what was said by this distinguished son of the Old North State.

For years he has been a leader in doing what he could for the cause of right. In season and out of season he has traveled from the mountains to the sea trying as best he could to educate the citizenship of North Carolina up to a standard of right living and right voting.

For over an hour this apostle of democracy told the people how the Republican party has played the traitor to them and how the Democrats had always endeavored to give them good government.

COMMISSION ORDER FRIGHTENS VOTERS

Washington, Oct. 19.—Proceeding on the theory that the civil service commission has overstepped its bounds in the recent and much-advertised admonition to voters, forbidding them to take part in "political activities," throughout the country pursuant to the coming congressional elections, officials of the Republican league of state clubs of Washington today took steps to counteract the effect the admonition has had on prospective voters.

That the recent civil service commission order has "frightened off" scores of would-be voters was asserted by Henry I. Camp, who is in charge of local headquarters.

For State Fair. Mr. J. D. Callais went to Raleigh this morning to attend the State Fair.

Feature Program. The Gem offers for tonight a feature program, and any one that cannot find amusement here is very hard to please.

Storm Warning Down. The Observer of the weather bureau here has ordered this morning to take down the storm warning as the looked for storm has abated.

Not So Well. The condition of Miss Ruth Phillips, who is suffering from an attack of fever, is reported not so well today.

A COMPARISON OF THE WORK

Editors News: I send you here with some facts relative to the first month's work of the Public Schools. The enrollment has been as follows:

Table with 2 columns: School Level and Enrollment. Includes Kindergarten (55), Primary grades (291), Grammar grades (258), High School (131), Business Department (7).

Total net enrollment 739. Three counted twice.

The total enrollment last year at the close of the first month was 690.

The average daily attendance for the first month this year is 654.25. The average daily attendance for the first month last year was 623.95.

The number of absences for the first month is 746, which means a loss of more than one day for each boy and girl in school or a total loss of more than two whole years, counting 365 days to the year.

We desire to call the attention of our patrons especially to this large number of absences, and particularly to the number of tardies. When we take into consideration the fact that the weather has been extremely pleasant throughout the first school month, it seems almost a disgrace that we should have 91 tardies.

We are trying to encourage them to see this as a business proposition and that this training will lead to habits that are especially conducive to promptness and punctuality.

The school has made a better start decidedly than any time in the last two years. Every department is well organized and about 95 per cent of the children are doing satisfactory work.

We especially ask the co-operation and help of the parents of the children in trying to keep them in good health so they can attend school regularly to get them here in time each day, and to see that they study their lessons carefully at home.

Very truly yours, N. C. NEWBOLD.

HURRICANE LEAVING A SWATH OF DEATH IN ITS WAKE

FOR FIVE HUNDRED MILES ATLANTIC COAST HAS BEEN BATTERED BY HURRICANE FOR 36 HOURS - STORM STILL RAGING ON LAND AND SEA.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 19.—For five hundred miles from the southern point of Florida the Atlantic coast has been battered by a hurricane for 36 hours and the storm is still raging on land and sea.

The fate of the coast inhabitants is unknown. It is believed that the loss of life will be heavy. The gale at times, exceeding a velocity of 100 miles an hour, is whipping up tidal waves along the shore and driving the water far inland.

It is impossible to reach northern points except by roundabout ways. Wires have been torn down by the fury of the storm, and even this city is finding trouble in communicating with the rest of the world.

Desperate efforts are being made to communicate with Brunswick, Ga. on St. Simons Sound, eighty miles southwest of this city.

It was completely cut off from the world today and the fate of its 10,000 inhabitants was unknown at an early hour.

Hundreds are fleeing from this city fearing the onrush of waters. Shipping circles are ignorant of the position of vessels known to be in the storm as a result of the destruction of the wireless tower, which was shattered at midnight.

Part of Town Washed Away. Savannah, Ga., Oct. 19.—Part of the town of Brunswick, Ga., is reported to have been washed away by a tidal wave and a loss of life is feared there.

Half of the town was under water today and no trains were running in or out.

Waters Backing Into Streets. Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 19.—All efforts to get in communication with Brunswick, Ga., today have thus far failed.

Neither telephone nor telegraph wires are working into that city. At last reports the waters were backing into the streets and a hurricane was raging.

Senator Elkins in Critical Condition. Elkin, W. Va., Oct. 19.—Senator Stephen B. Elkins, the senior senator from this state, is in a critical condition at his home "Halliehurst" near here.

He is 67 years of age and his condition has been such that this summer, for the first time in many years, he was unable to go abroad as had been his custom, or even to be moved from this district.

The State Fair. Thousands of people from all over North Carolina are attending the State Fair at Raleigh this week. The exhibits are far superior to those seen before.

Raleigh is crowded, but from all reports is taking care of the crowd in a way to command admiration. Those from Beaufort county say the Fair is the best in the State's history.

To Speak October 24. Hon. J. Bryan Grimes, secretary of State, for North Carolina, will address the citizens of this city and county here on Monday, October 24.

Is Improving. The many friends of Mrs. C. M. Klapp will be pleased to learn of her improvement. For the past week she has been suffering with fever.

mez was asked that the new million dollar presidential palace will not be built, but the money will be turned over to a relief fund for the sufferers.

Schooner and Bark Wrecked. Key West, Fla., Oct. 19.—The schooner Martha and the bark Hugo have been wrecked by the southern hurricane.

The schooner of six on the schooner Martha and ten on the Hugo have been rescued by the Bull line steamer Inventor, which is proceeding to Liverpool.

The storm is still raging and it is feared many other vessels have been lost.

Will Slacken Before Night. Washington, Oct. 19.—The chief forecaster of the United States Weather Bureau said this morning that the territory near the coast between Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., will probably again today be visited by hurricane winds and heavy rains, but in indications this morning were the velocity of the wind would slacken before night and that the rain would entirely subside.

The records of the weather bureau show that this storm is moving slowly in a northeasterly direction. Hurricane warnings were this morning sent to points along the coast as far north as Norfolk, Va., and ordinary storm warnings as far north as points in northern New Jersey.

The velocity of the wind at Savannah, Ga. last night, when the storm was at its height, was registered at sixty miles an hour.

A severe wind and rain storm in eastern New England late tomorrow, is predicted by the bureau. It was announced by the forecaster that a strong windstorm is moving east from Lake Superior at a rapid rate, and should meet with the eastern coast storm in New England.

According to the advice of the bureau, the storm today in the territory between Savannah and Jacksonville is not expected to extend any great distance back from the coast line.

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