

FIGURING FOR LABOR

High Tariff Protected Industries Set About to Capture Vote.

WOULD HOLD LABOR VOTE FOR REPUBLICAN.

But the American Workman Now Realizes That Protectionism and Other Republican Policies are not Panacea Proof

Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., July 27.—The result of the national campaign will largely be determined by the votes of the laboring men. In former campaigns, after deducting those who voted the Socialist ticket, what is known as the Labor vote has been about equally divided between the two parties. In the States when the highly tariff protected industries are enmeshed, such as Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Ohio, the workmen employed in the Iron and Steel and Glass and Textile and Pottery industries have mostly voted Republican ticket. These workmen have been led to believe that their employment depended upon the republican policy of tariff protection and only through that policy, as the Republican National platform declares, can be maintained "the high standard of living of the wage earners of this country, who are the most direct beneficiaries of the protective system." This year, however, it seems probable that the workmen of even the highly protected industries are demanding something more than tariff protection and "Government by injunction" is a paramount issue with them.

The highly protected Steel Trust managers evidently feel that something must be done to hold the labor vote for the Republican party and H. C. Frick, who broke the Homestead Strike in 1892, and who is now one of the managers of the Steel Trust has set about to do it. The plan is laid down in a dispatch dated July 20th, from Pittsburgh to the New York Sun. It informs the public that:

"The H. C. Frick Coke Company today placed orders with many employment agencies in Pittsburgh for men to work at the coke ovens in the Connellsville field. One stipulation is that all must be Americans, or at least must have been residents of the United States for a certain number of years.

"One Pittsburgh employer yesterday let the contract for 100 houses for his miners, each house to have a bathroom."

The dispatch you will observe says nothing about the wages to be paid, but undoubtedly the pay to these Americans will be the same as it was to the foreigners, heretofore employed, but the Americans are to have bathrooms if they can pay the extra rent charged for that luxury.

The Bulletin of the Bureau of Labor just published by the Department of Commerce and Labor, contains the latest official report on the wages paid to coke workers in Pennsylvania for 1906. As that was in the height of the late trust boom, wages were then at the highest point. So the Americans are not likely to be now paid higher wages. The report says:

"There were 12,330 coke workers, to whom were paid wages amounting to an average yearly wage of \$562.60. That was equal to \$46 a month or \$1.70 a day of 26 working days in a month. At the high cost of living, in consequence of the tariff protecting the trusts, an American workman would not revel in luxury on such wages, although bathtubs were thrown in free, though the Steel Trust, which controls the Frick Coke industry did make such enormous profits that it paid good dividends on hundreds of millions of watered stock. Still, if it is true that over twelve thousand coke workers, all Americans, are to be put to work at \$1.70 per day, it is a great improvement if not actual prosperity for these men, who have been practically idle for the past six months.

But somehow I feel it will be well to await further advices before believing this good news. The bathroom story casts a doubt over my mind. It is too altruistic to be credited to the Steel Trust and Pittsburgh.

The story has the earmarks of the Sunshine Club which is working overtime to prove that the late Re-

publican deluge was merely a shower and that if we will all put faith in what the Sunshine Club tells us and by taking a kind of Republican faith cure the late panic and the still present business depression will disappear and prosperity reappear.

The fact is the trust magnates and the Railroad managers have all joined the Sunshine Clubs in their respective centers and are largely contributing towards the dissemination of Sunshine news. They are sending it to all the newspapers; forgetting the Labor papers, and the bathroom story is evidently intended for the especial consumption of the workmen to show them the actual prosperity that awaits all "Americans" if they vote the Republican ticket and do not listen to the wicked Gompers, who would lead them off into the barren field of Democracy. The Democratic managers, however, view the matter with considerable complacency, for it shows that the Republicans have discovered it is necessary to look after the Labor vote even in such a State as Pennsylvania with its enormous Republican majority, and they draw the conclusion that in many other States the Labor vote will be almost solid for the Democratic ticket.

The "American" workman has had his eyes opened. He now sees that protectionism and other Republican policies are not panacea proof. He is still suffering from the high prices of all he buys that his lords and masters the Trusts and Corporations can extort by virtue of the monopoly the tariff policy of the Republican party gives them. He dreads the certain reduction of wages "after election," if the Trusts and Corporations achieve another lease of power through Republican success.

The greatest fear of the American workman is that if the Republicans are successful he can no longer appear to force of arms—the strike, the boycott—and without these he is helpless to protect himself and therefore the modification of the right of a Court of Equity to issue injunctions is the paramount issue of the campaign.

How can the "American" therefore, resist the opportunity to defeat his enemies and restore his lost opportunities? From present appearances at least two-thirds of Organized Labor will vote the Democratic ticket.

The great problem of the Democratic leaders will be to prevent the coercion of the workmen who are not "American" yet who are such a large percentage of the voters in every doubtful State. That requires a compact organization and campaign funds to make such possible.

Mr. Bryan has appealed to every Democratic newspaper to open a subscription list for campaign funds, and if the editors will lay before their readers the necessity of giving what they can afford there is no doubt that all legitimate expenses will be met. The legitimate expenses of a presidential campaign are enormous—the Republican managers estimate it at \$3,000,000, but they are naturally extravagant. If half that sum is donated by Democratic patriots, the issue will not be in doubt from lack of campaign funds.

ROBERT MILLER.

New Editor for the Commoner.

Wm. Jennings Bryan has retired as editor of the Commoner, published at Lincoln, Nebraska. Richard L. Metcalfe, who has been associate editor, will assume control of the editorial department. Mr. Bryan announces that all profits from the publication will be contributed to the campaign fund. The Commoner will publish Mr. Bryan's speeches and he will give much time to the publication.

Wiley's Papers Preserved.

Mrs. C. H. Wiley and daughter, Miss Mary, have contributed to the North Carolina Historical Committee a valuable collection of letters and papers of the late Dr. Calvin H. Wiley, the founder of the public school system of North Carolina, which was the first to be established in the South.

Rowan Junior Reunion.

The twelve councils of the Jr. O. U. A. M. of Rowan county are preparing for a big reunion and picnic at Salisbury Saturday, August 8th. Senator Overman and State Councilor Brewer will deliver addresses.

ANNUAL FARMERS INSTITUTE

Prominent Speakers to Attend from State and National Agricultural Departments.

The annual Farmers Institute for Randolph County will be held at Asheboro, Monday Aug. 3 1908. There will be two or three speakers present, furnished by the State Department of Agriculture and probably one from the United States Department of Agriculture in addition to local speakers.

These institutes are for a free and informal discussion of every day farm problems and no farmer can attend and take part in these discussions without receiving more than enough benefit to pay for the time spent.

Under the present management of the Farmers Institute no attempt is made to lay down hard and fast rules for farming and no lecture at these institutes is expected to discuss or recommend any practice which he himself has not done successfully or that discuses of farmers in this part of the State are not also doing successfully at this time.

The institute lecturers this year will be selected from among the State's most successful farmers; the workers in our State Department of Agriculture; the United States Department of Agriculture; the faculty of the North Carolina College of Agriculture.

Do not forget the date of this meeting and see that your neighbors hear of it and attend.

VADE MECUM WILL CONTINUE

\$15,000 Fire Will Not Interfere With This Popular Resort.

The main building of Vade Mecum Springs Hotel was burned Friday morning about 3 o'clock. More than thirty guests were in the building, and many of them barely escaped with their lives. Many lost their trunks and other effects. The loss sustained by the hotel company and guests is estimated at \$15,000. The cause of the fire is unknown. Some believe the building was struck by lightning, others that it started in a bath room.

Dr. McKnight, Mgr. says that arrangements will be made to continue the resort through the season.

New President of A. & M.

The trustees of the North Carolina College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts met last week at Raleigh and elected Dr. D. H. Hill president to succeed Dr. Geo. T. Winston. Dr. Hill is a son of Gen. D. H. Hill and has been vice-president of the college and professor of English for a number of years. He is a man of much literary and executive ability. Prof. W. C. Reddick was elected vice-president.

Child Played With Pistol.

Master Jim, the six-year-old son of R. L. Hackett, of Proximity was seriously wounded by a pistol which he was playing with at his home Sunday. The ball tore off his middle finger of his left hand, and entered his breast, lodging in his shoulder. He may recover.

Statue to Lee National Capitol.

The State of Virginia will place a handsome bronze statue of General Robert E. Lee in the Statuary Hall in the National Capitol. This is the first statue of a confederate hero to be placed in any building of the United States Government.

State Hospital for Consumptives.

The State Sanitarium for consumptives at Montrose, Cumberland County, will be ready for patients by the time the winter opens. The main buildings of the institution are now being constructed.

Bill Swift Fatally Injured.

Bill Swift, a noted blockader, of Surry county was fatally wounded at his home Friday by U. S. Deputy Markrader. Swift resisted arrest and assaulted the officer with a chair. The officer is under care of a physician at Dobson.

Burlington to Have Water.

The town authorities of Burlington have awarded the contract for installing a water system for the town. The contract price is \$82,000, and it is thought the system will cost \$100,000 equipped.

Judge Gray, a negro store robber and horse stealer, was brought back to Hight Point from Winston this week, some farmers having identified him with stolen goods.

THE GOVERNOR ON ISSUES

Discusses the Two National Conventions

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM AID TO DEMOCRATS.

Believes the Tariff Will Be the Principal Issue in the Campaign. "It Has to Be Revised and the Democrats Are Going to Revise It."

An Asbury Park, N. J., paper publishes the following interview with Governor Glenn upon his arrival in that city, going there principally to deliver an address at the First Baptist church of that city recently:

Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina, one of the greatest exponents of prohibition in this country and prominent in the national halls of Democracy, having seconded the nomination of William Jennings Bryan for the Presidency, and arrived in this city Wednesday, registered at Sunset Hall.

When interviewed the Governor, who is a big, virile man with a strong Southern accent, spoke enthusiastically of Mr. Bryan. "He has developed into a great statesman," said the Governor, "He has dropped certain eccentricities and ideas, broadening out in his views, and has made himself familiar with every detail of almost every question confronting the government of this country."

Asked to compare the two party platforms, the Governor said: "The platform adopted by the Democratic party in convention at Denver has gained for Mr. Bryan and his colleagues the respect of the people at large in that it is positive and says what it means. On the other hand the platform of the Republicans is uncertain both in wording and meaning. It is the opposite of positive and will play an important part in aiding Democratic success.

In speaking of the publication of campaign contributions, I can draw another distinction between the Democratic and Republican platforms. The former strongly urges the publication of these gifts and pledges the party to do so. The Republicans had nothing to say about the matter in their platform, forcing their candidate, Mr. Taft, to recommend to the party at large the publication of contributions. Personally, I believe in this plan. Campaign funds are getting to be a disgrace and are coupled with too much rascality.

"The tariff will be the principal issue in the national campaign. It has to be revised and the Democrats are going to do it. I have traveled nearly all over the United States during the last few months and I tell you the people have got to be relieved of certain hardships incorporated in the rigid enforcement of a high protective tariff."

Concerning the Parker resolutions introduced in memory of former President Cleveland and which the national convention turned down, Governor Glenn said that they were the finest resolutions he had ever heard read in his life. "The English used was perfect and they far surpassed those adopted. Judge Parker won the respect of the delegates by his gentlemanly manner."

Commenting upon the Hobson war scare and the construction of a larger navy, Governor Glenn said, "We need more things at home than we need war ships to sail abroad—the preservation of national forests and rivers, the construction of roads and the reclamation of land and other natural resources."

In conclusion he said, "The campaign will be one of live issue and not men. Both Mr. Bryan and Mr. Taft are representative citizens and are entitled to the respect of the nation."

Cummock Mine to Resume.

Samuel Henesey, for a number of years operator of the Cummock coal mine, and who is still interested in the property reports that the operation of the mine will be resumed at an early date. The company will be backed by strong capital.

Van Tate, 12-year-old son of W. V. Tate, of Lenoir, was accidentally shot Friday by his little brother, who was playing with a Robert rifle. It was not thought to be loaded.

ANNUAL STATE REUNION.

Elaborate Preparation Being Made to Entertain Confederate Veterans.

The citizens of Winston-Salem are making elaborate and extensive preparations for the entertainment of the Confederate Veterans on August 19th and 20th, which is the time fixed for the State reunion of the "Boys in Gray."

It is the purpose of the various committees having the matter in hand to give the old heroes such an enjoyable time that they will leave with them to their homes the pleasantest recollections of their visit to the "Queen City of the Piedmont." The gates of the city will be thrown wide open to the "Old Guard." The locks will be taken from the doors, watch dogs will be muzzled.

Kind ladies, daughters of the Confederacy, smiling maidens, all will do their part to contribute to the happiness and comfort of the veterans during their stay in the city.

The occasion of the State Reunion will be a notable one.

Comfortable sleeping quarters will be provided. There will be plenty to eat and drink and there will be something going on all the time to amuse the veterans, and everything possible will be done to make them feel at home.

Among the number of distinguished speakers for the occasion will be a nephew of Gen. R. E. Lee.

SHEMWELL UNDER BOND.

Charged with Firing Conductor to Stop Train at Pistol Point.

Baxter Shemwell, formerly of Lexington, but now of Virginia was arrested at Lexington last week on a warrant charging him with assault upon W. B. Smithers, conductor on the Southern southbound train No. 37. A preliminary hearing was given Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Shemwell was bound over to court in a bond of \$1,000.

Shemwell it seems on July 21st, purchased a ticket from Staunton, Va., to Lexington, and boarded the train No. 37, which does not stop at the destination called for.

When the train neared High Point Conductor Smithers went to Mr. Shemwell and told him that he would have to get off there and wait for a local to go to Lexington.

A quarrel ensued in which the conductor accused Shemwell of assaulting him with a pistol. Shemwell claims that he did not draw his pistol until Smithers assaulted him with a stick-punch.

The trial of Shemwell excited much interest and the attendance at the trial was large the court room at Greensboro being crowded with curious spectators, who wanted to get a glimpse of the man who forced the conductor to stop the through train, for his convenience.

Mr. Shemwell has instituted suit against the Southern Railway, and a warrant has been issued for conductor Smithers, for assault with a ticket punch.

Mistook Brother for Burglar.

John Cheek, of Bear Creek, Chatham County, is in St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, suffering with a gun shot wound in the thigh, his brother having mistaken him for a burglar a few days ago. The Cheek home had been robbed the night before the shooting and Mr. Cheek and his brother were watching the home, when without signaling his brother he approached the kitchen. The brother blazed away, thinking he was a burglar. His injuries are quite serious.

Child's Head Cracked Open Causing Death.

The two-year old girl of Jones Griffin died at High Point last week for some time the child suffered with complications of diseases. Recently its stomach began to swell until it assumed enormous proportions, and straggled of all, three large cracks appeared in the child's head through which the pulsating of the brain could be seen.

This peculiar case calls to mind the aged lady named Hightower with horns growing out from her head and who traveled through this State. The horns on Mrs. Hightower's head resembled those of ram's horns and gave her considerable pain at times.

J. Monroe Palmer of Stanley County, died recently aged 80 years.

ELLER MADE CHAIRMAN.

Elected at a Meeting of State Committee.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE NAMED

Winston Man to Succeed Chairman H. G. Chatham—Mr. Eller Speaks Enthusiastically of outlook and expresses Confidence in a United Democracy

The State Democratic executive committee met at Raleigh last week and elected A. H. Eller, of Winston-Salem, chairman, to succeed Hugh G. Chatham, resigned, and Chairman reappointed Alex. J. Fields secretary. The committee named the following central committee, composed of four members from each of the ten judicial districts:

First: E. F. Aydlett, W. C. Kodman, W. H. Hampton and Dr. E. A. Mays, Jr.

Second: T. W. Mason, Dr. J. W. Granger, H. A. Galloway and J. E. Green.

Third: T. C. Whitaker, A. J. Maxwell, E. M. Koonce and W. M. Webb.

Fourth: J. A. Thomas, F. S. Spruill, P. J. Olive and H. A. London.

Fifth: S. O. McMichael, R. L. Holt, J. S. Carr, H. G. Chatham.

Sixth: E. J. Hale, J. D. Bellamy, James Powell and A. W. McLean.

Seventh: J. A. Lockhart, A. S. Dockery. The other two to be named later.

Eighth: Dr. R. S. Young, Edmond Jones, R. A. Doughton and A. D. Watts.

Ninth: J. H. Weddington, Maj. H. F. Schenck. The other two to be named later.

Tenth: C. A. Webb, W. T. Lee, Marshall Bell and T. T. Ballinger.

In accepting the chairmanship, A. H. Eller spoke enthusiastically of the outlook and expressed confidence that he would have the hearty support of Democrats all over the state. The chair was directed by resolution to appoint a committee of five to revise the Democratic plan of organization and report to the next meeting of the executive committee.

Governor Glenn was called on for a speech, and expressed the wish that some of the enthusiasm that he saw in Denver could be injected into the committee and into North Carolina Democracy. That he never saw anything like it. He believed enough western states would be carried for Bryan with the solid south to assure Bryan's election without New York. At the same time he believed the Democratic financial and other planks would so impress New York financial and other interests before the campaign was over as to go a long way toward Democratic majorities in a number of the eastern states.

Death of Mrs. Stinson.

Mrs. R. D. Stinson, of Rutherfordton, N. C., died Sunday, July 19th, at 6 p. m. She was born and reared in Hampden county and lived in Asheboro for several years and was the daughter of Rev. Pinkney M. and Catharine Baldwin and leaves a husband and one daughter, Miss Kate Stinson, and one son, Master John Stinson, also four brothers as follows: Mr. J. P. Baldwin, of Ramseur; Capt. Angus M. Baldwin, of Huntington, W. Va.; Rev. Marion A. Baldwin, of Greensboro, N. C., and Mr. W. J. Baldwin, of Troy, N. C., and two sisters, Mrs. Mary J. Cox, of Greensboro, and Mrs. A. J. Burrow, of Troy, N. C.

She professed faith in Christ at about 14 years of age and joined the Presbyterian church at Asheboro, and after her marriage joined the Christian church at Asheboro, and was one of the 16 charter members of the church of her husband's choice.

Men's Work for Men

Hon. Robt. N. Page spoke in the graded school auditorium at High Point under the auspices of the Barren classes on last Sunday night. Mr. Page made a fine talk on the "Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men as the great lesson in the world's salvation." He spoke of the good work of the preacher, but warned the people lest they forget that church should be first. Mr. Page was given close attention throughout his interesting address.