

RAILROADS FOR TAFT.

Manifest Hostility Toward Democratic Party.

PETTY METHODS OF REPRISAL

People Should Know Whether or Not Railroads Are a Republican Party Adjunct—The Coercion of Voters Middle West States That Look Good For Bryan—The Outlook in Illinois.

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Separated by the brief space of one city block and both fronting on Chicago's Grand street, Michigan boulevard, are the two temples of the two great political parties. The Democrats this year are in the Ash Grove Hotel, which is a few yards east of the Republic building. The Republicans are in the Republic building, which is a few yards west of the Ash Grove Hotel. The two buildings are separated by a few feet, but the hostility between the two parties is as wide as the Atlantic. The Democrats are determined to win, and the Republicans are determined to win. The result will be a bitter struggle, and the people will be the losers.

So far as the Democratic national committee is concerned, its work began early in August. So far as the Republican committee is concerned, its work has not begun.

Railroads and Politics.

Perhaps it is not extraordinary that the railroad managers of the United States should manifest in every petty and pious way their hostility to the Democratic party. That party stands pledged to such methods of railroad regulation as will protect the shipper and the traveler against the extortions of overcapitalized corporations. And yet, after all, it does seem strange that the railroads should adopt so trivial a method of reprisal as denying to the people who wish to attend the notification day ceremonies at Lincoln, Neb., the benefits of reduced rates. Chairman Norman E. Mack kept in constant communication with Mr. E. E. McLeod, who is chairman of the Western Passenger association, and as a final result Mr. McLeod announced that "since local passenger fares in the state of Nebraska have been reduced from 3 to 2 cents a mile no reduction therefrom has been made for any gathering in that state." This would have been a statement more important had it been true. Mr. Mack promptly responded by sending a clipping from a Kansas City newspaper that this same association was making a rate of 1 1/2 cents a mile to a Grand Army encampment. And Mr. Mack further went on to point out that the reduced rates for the Republican notification meeting, while not made by that association, still was enforced in nearly if not all of the territory covered by the Western Passenger association.

This was a matter not of financial importance to many except a comparatively few citizens who desired to attend the notification ceremonies at Lincoln, but it is of vital importance to the American citizen and to the American voter to know whether it is or is not a fact that the railroads of the United States through such a central organization as the Western Passenger association are systematically and deliberately discriminating in favor of one political party as against the other. It is quite time that the voters of this land should know whether the railroads are an adjunct to the Republican party or not. I recall very well that in the 1900 campaign, which was before the days when by Democratic votes to congress the law against the issuance of railroad passes was enacted, practically every man on the Democratic national committee who went from Chicago to attend the Kansas City convention paid his fare, while practically every Republican delegate to the Philadelphia convention found the railroads most courteous in meeting his needs without money and without price. Now that the anti-pass law has been enacted and is being enforced are the railroads going to evade the real purpose of its enactment by refusing to the Democratic party the same concessions for reduced rates that they readily are making for the Republican party?

Coercion Again.

It hardly seemed credible that in this campaign the coercive methods employed by employers to their employees in the campaign of 1896 would be repeated. Personally I don't believe they will be, at least not effectively. But already a rather small and obscure firm in New York has sent out through its Chicago office a notice to its employees that—

"Believing that the election of Taft and Sherman means a safe and progressive business administration, the day following we shall start this plant on full time and keep going."

Probably for the purpose of advertising itself this firm has been offering printed posters carrying the above announcement to all factories in the United States. With a member of the Democratic national committee I called at its Chicago place, which occupies a small portion of the second floor of a small building. The placard was on the wall, but I discovered that it employed there but eight people, including a girl stenographer and a girl book-keeper. I found that, while it had sent out several hundred letters offering the placard, it had received only thirty replies, most of which were unfriendly, some of which were satirical. The one which entertained me most came from a house in Michigan and, abbreviated, ran this way: "The Re-

DEATH OF JUDGE MOORE.

A Leading North Carolina Jurist Succumbs to an Attack of Fever. Judge Frederick Moore, for six years a judge on the Superior Court bench, died at his home at Asheville last Friday night at 8 o'clock. Judge Moore had suffered for weeks with typhoid fever. The attack was first noticed at Bakersville, where he was holding court, and he refused to adjourn until his work was completed. Judge Moore was one of the best known judges on the bench and a leading Democrat of Western North Carolina.

The Late Judge Moore's Successor.

Last week Gov. R. B. Glenn tendered to Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, the unexpired term of the late Judge Moore of the 16th Judicial District. On account of press of business Mr. Craig declined. On Tuesday Mr. Glenn appointed Mr. J. D. Murphy, of Asheville, to fill the unexpired term. The appointment is effective at once.

Eminent Physician Dead.

Dr. Peter F. Hines, one of North Carolina's best surgeons and foremost medical men, died at his home at Raleigh. He was 80 years old. During the civil war Dr. Hines was medical director of Confederate hospitals and has attended the inmates of the Soldiers Home at Raleigh free of charge.

Comedians Burned.

The Rabbit's Foot Comedy Co., a negro minstrel troupe, showed at Shelby Thursday night and that night after all had been packed in their cars, a horse kicked over a barrel of gasoline. It ran into the cooking apartment and an explosion followed. The cook and six others were horribly burned, three probably fatally burned.

Sought Relief in Death.

J. L. Culbreath, a young married man of High Point committed suicide at his home last week. Mr. Culbreath was a son of a minister of the M. P. Church who moved to Kansas, where he died several years ago. His mother now lives at Thomasville. He is survived by a wife and two children. Remorse of conscience in not being able to furnish the necessities of life to his family is responsible for the deed.

Murder at Colored Religious Gathering.

At a Baptist associational meeting of negroes at Riley Hill Church, 18 miles from Raleigh Dave Smith shot and killed Lum Williams a bystander, while engaged in a quarrel with another unknown negro. The shooting occurred at a cigar wagon 200 yards from the church, and put the attendants at the meeting to flight.

Farmers Convention.

The Sixth Annual Convention of North Carolina Farmers will be held at the A. & M. College at Raleigh, August 25th to 27th inclusive. It will be a splendid three days' meeting for the study of agriculture and the discussion of all questions of direct interest to farmers.

Stock breeders' and dairymen's meetings will be held August 28th.

Bad Affair in Cabarrus.

That was a bad affair in Cabarrus county recently when Cicero Flow, while intoxicated, attempted to kill his wife and left home and attempted to commit suicide by taking morphine. If Mrs. Flow had not been a large woman and strong physically, no doubt her husband would have killed her.

To Collect Funds in N. C.

T. H. Vanderford, of Salisbury has been appointed special financial agent to collect funds for the National Democratic Campaign Fund. He is to receive contributions from all over North Carolina.

MR. MEBANE DOES NOT REPRESENT THE BEST SOUTHERN OPINION

If Republicans Again Control the South Mr. Mebane's Cotton Mills Would Not Be Worth the Mortar Between the Bricks in the Wall.

Charleston News and Courier.

A Mr. Mebane, described as "controlling a string of cotton mills in the Carolinas," has been interviewed in the New York Times and the purport of his conversation with the reporter is that the business men of the South are favorable to the election of Taft over Bryan. The interview is wrong and one would infer that the "Solid South" was upon the brink of dissolution. Mr. Mebane argues vigorously that the election of Taft is desired by the manufacturers, that it is to their interest that Republicans hold the reins of government in America and that the election of Mr. Bryan would not be a wholesome event for the textile trade.

Mr. Mebane does not represent the best opinion in the South, and we doubt that he has the sympathy in what he says of his associates in the cotton spinning industry. The impression has been spread abroad and cultivated for a number of years that Southern manufacturers are at heart Republicans, and while it may be true in exceptional cases, it is not true of the majority of the successful manufacturers. These gentlemen are too well acquainted with conditions to trust Republicans to deal with them. What if a Republican administration would be more kind to the cotton mills in the arrangement of tariff schedules than a Democratic administration would be, which we by no means grant, would any sane man care to hold mill securities with the Republicans in charge of political affairs in the South? Looking backward to the days of carpet bag rule, it would be trivial to contend that a dollar would be subscribed for mill construction under such conditions. Has the Republican party given any token that it would not uphold similar State governments in the South now? What cotton mill officer will dare

assert that the Federal offices under Mr. Roosevelt represent the character and intelligence of the South, and what cotton mill officer will deny that, judging from the persons composing the Republican party machines in the Carolinas, Tennessee and Georgia, they would elect, if they could, governors, State treasurers and legislators of the same stripe, that robbed and plundered in the seventies. No sign appears that the Republican party has substantially improved in motives and aspirations, so far as the South is concerned, and the signs are abundant that no sort of property would be safe from spoliation. Who would buy bottom mill shares were a "ring streaked and striped" legislature about to assemble in Columbia, and who witnessed the last Republican convention in Columbia, which elected Taft delegates, a convention representative of the Republicans of the State, without being convinced that the Republican conventions of 1908 are reproductions in color and habit of the conventions of 1870.

Avowedly, unblushingly, the Taft party of the North is working to reinstate the Republicans in power in these Southern States, and if they should succeed, Mr. Mebane's cotton mills would not be worth the mortar between the bricks in their walls. Southern business men Republicans? Business would be impossible under Republican governments in the Southern states and Judge Taft, good man that he is personally, belongs to and is the servant of the party that would wipe Southern business men from the face of the earth.

The Southern business man, who is a Republican, has no more business sagacity than is required to swing a pick in the bottom of a ditch, and if the national Republican party is not at work to deliver the Southern States into the hands of ignorance and venality, then all its pretensions are lies.

TRAIN DASHES INTO WAGON.

Anderson Lamb and Daughter Victims of Bad Accident at Liberty.

On Thursday morning, August 13th, in the town of Liberty, a most horrifying accident occurred. A work train ran into the one-horse wagon occupied by Mr. Anderson Lamb, and his daughter Miss Addie, demolishing the vehicle and throwing the occupants far out in the field alongside the railroad. The horse was instantly killed, its head being severed from its body. The train was immediately stopped after the accident. Miss Lamb was hurled more than 60 feet by the force of the collision, landing her in a freshly plowed field. Her life will probably be saved. Her collar bone was broken and she suffered several contusions of the scalp, together with some injury on her thigh. Mr. Lamb, who is 60 years old, was knocked 30 feet and was unconscious when last heard from. Both persons were taken to one of the hotels at Liberty soon after the accident.

Miss Lamb says that they were driving along the railroad where there was a large embankment, and while she saw some colored men on a car she thought the car was standing still, and that the car was not seen to move until her father had actually started across the track. Then it was she attempted to pull the horse back, but it was too late. The negroes on the train yelled, but the yelling was done after the horse was on the track. The railroad employees give the following account of the accident:

The accident occurred about a mile and a half from the station. Mr. and Miss Lamb were coming to town and were driving along the side of the railroad track. The work train was coming along behind them, and the locomotive had just started across the crossing and the trainmen on the rear of the train said they thought they were going to take the other fork. When they turned across the track the trainmen stated that they shouted at them, but could not make themselves heard. The train was not moving at a very rapid rate when the wagon was struck. Mr. and Miss Lamb were looking in the opposite direction for the local freight, which was about due.

Mr. Swaim's Son Injured.

A serious accident happened in Liberty township on Thursday of last week at the home of Roddy Swaim near Melanethon church, when the seven-year-old son of Mr. Mr. Swaim picked up a coca-cola bottle and filling it with powder was playing with it and let it get too near the fire. The explosion that followed blew his hand literally to pieces. Several pieces of glass were blown deep in the flesh and the lad is in a serious condition. Pieces of the glass were also blown into his face, chin and throat. At first it was thought that his hand would have to be amputated, but later it was not considered necessary.

Blow Ups.

The first of this month Ulysses Shaw, a colored man living in Grant township, was killed by the explosion of a boiler at the saw mill of Sherman Strickland. It is not known what caused the explosion whether it was because the boiler was dry or what.

About the same time at the Hale Gold Mine in Lancaster county, S. C., Ernest Thies was killed by the explosion of a boiler.

Great Evangelist Dead.

Ira David Sankey, the well known evangelist and composer of many songs, died Thursday night at his home at Brooklyn. Owing to blindness the last five years of his life were spent quietly at his home at Brooklyn.

suddenly on that terrible October day which caused the greatest shrinkage in values ever known in this country, causing 300,000 box cars and 30,000 locomotives to stand still; throwing millions of honest laborers out of employment; causing 500,000 men to leave the country and carry their earnings to foreign lands. The people are satisfied that there has been something wrong with the administration of the Republican party for fifteen years."

SOMETHING WRONG WITH REPUBLICANS

Must Shoulder Responsibility For The Panic.

SENATOR OVERMAN TALKS.

"The Signs of the Times Point to the Election of Bryan"—The West Will Not Vote for Taft—Former Republicans Refuse to Let Roosevelt Dictate How They Shall Vote—The Republican Party is no Longer Trusted.

Senator Lee S. Overman in a recent interview said: "I have been very much encouraged by reports and by what I heard and saw at Denver and on my return from Denver. I made it a point to ask every railroad man, conductor, engineer, brakeman, flagman, supervisor of tracks, and men in overalls, and without exception from Denver to Kansas City and St. Louis they said they were going to vote for Bryan. Most of them said that they were Republicans and would have voted for Roosevelt had he been nominated, but that they would not stand Taft and would not let Roosevelt dictate as to how they should vote. They seemed to know all about Taft's injunction record, and believed that the Democratic candidate was the people's candidate. They were determined that Bryan should be elected and the people of the West believe that he will be the next President of the United States. I think the Republicans cannot buy up the voters out there, and I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but the signs of the times point to the election of Bryan. "I would not be surprised to see a stampede for Bryan as there was when Cleveland was elected the second time. The cry that the Republicans bring prosperity and the Democrats build times is untrue; the people have been deceived, but now their eyes have been opened and they are beginning to think. The record of the Republicans is that they have grown up great monopolies and trusts and our unbroken monetary system. For fifteen years the voters of the country have been debauched with money shelled out by favored corporations.

"Another significant fact is that the Republicans have dropped their shibboleth and war cry for the past ten years, a term borrowed from a gambling hell, 'stand pat,' and now say in their platform that they propose to revise the tariff. Heretofore they have said that the tariff needed no revision. The people are afraid to trust them on that score, not knowing whether they would revise it upwards or downwards. They can't fool all the people all the time. The people know now that all the reforms brought about by President Roosevelt's administration were those advocated by Mr. Bryan, and those reforms which the President tried in his special message to get Congress to pass were also advocated by Mr. Bryan. The people believe Bryan to be a Christian gentleman. His great lecture upon the Prince of Peace has been heard by many people who never went out to hear him before. Men in the West who were formerly Republicans are satisfied that there is no harm in Bryan. Many believe that his pur of the world broadened him to that degree in which the business man of the country need have no fears. They believe him to be a patriot interested in the development of the whole country, in the great uplift of the plain people, in the destruction of criminal trusts and in the encouragement of honest money-making. He is no enemy of wealth honestly begotten, but he is of that class of wealth who have used their money for the purpose of acquiring the great majority of commodities of the country necessary for the people's comfort, thereby placing a burden upon the people that they feel keenly.

"The people see no reason for a panic; the corn cribs were full to overflowing; the bins were running over with wheat; millions of bales of cotton were stored away; the railroads were operating with all their employees; the mills were running on full time; more money was in the national banks than at any other time in the history of the country, and more in the State banks than was \$11 per capita in circulation and the people cannot understand why a panic should have come a



On another page we present an interesting article "The Man of the Hour," written by Mrs. Ida Ingold Masten, whose photo is reproduced above. Mrs. Masten formerly lived in Randolph.

Named For the Senate.

It is learned that the friends of S. Bryant of Randleman, are urging him to become a candidate for the nomination of State Senator from Randolph on the Democratic ticket, this fall. Mr. Bryant is a prominent cotton mill man, public spirited and an influential citizen. It is not known whether or not Mr. Bryant would accept the nomination.

Grief Caused Suicide.

Ernest Rowe, a white boy living two miles from Saluda, S. C., accidentally killed his cousin, a pretty girl of 18 years, while playing with a gun at her home last Friday. His grief made him a suicide half an hour later.

Two Killed, Two Injured.

On Monday morning the boiler at Wm. Reed's saw mill at Draco, in Caldwell county, 16 miles from Taylorville, exploded, killing two employees instantly.

Walker-Hanes.

M. A. Walker, formerly of Winston Salem, now vice president of the Porto Rican Tobacco Co., was married Thursday to Mrs. Mary Estelle Hanes, widow of the late B. F. Hanes, prominent tobacco manufacturer of Winston. They left immediately for Porto Rico.