

## POLITICAL POINTERS

The Situation as Viewed from Raleigh.

### MR. COX'S LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE DISCUSSED.

Progress of the Campaign Promises Victory for State and Nation—Republican Effort Bent on Scaring the People—Guarantee of Bank Deposits Assures Confidence.

Special Correspondence.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 29th.—The progress of the campaign for the past week in State and Nation has not been merely satisfactory from the stand point of the Democrats, but the tide has set in so irresistibly with the party that Democrats everywhere are jubilant. It is an open secret that the prospects of a large majority in this State have been very much enhanced by the enthusiasm that has gotten into the National campaign, and the practical certainty of Bryan's election if the election should take place at this time, as nine out of ten well informed Democrats view the situation. The only fear of the result now heard expressed, is the old trick of the Republicans of pouring out a large corruption fund at the last, and of trying to "scare" the country away from Bryan. But money cannot sweep back a tide, and the only scare anywhere in evidence up to the present time is in the camp of the enemy. Mr. Taft understood to act up a scare-crow last week by reminding the country of Mr. Bryan's speech in which he referred to the government ownership of railroads. Under Mr. Bryan cut the ground from under him by quoting both Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt as having gone just as far in that direction as he had, all three of them having said at different times that government ownership would ultimately result if government regulation should fail. Instead of the Republicans being able to "scare" the business men of the country away from Mr. Bryan this time, it is the opinion of this correspondent that business generally is going to regard Mr. Bryan's simple plan of guaranteed security of bank deposits as being decidedly the most valuable offering by either or all of the parties to stability of business. It has gradually soaked into the mind of the business world that this is also a guarantee against panic, and the only one that is offered.

The developments of the past week in New York, where all factions of the party united in nominating a ticket which the entire press of the State conceded to be strong, headed by the present Democratic Lieutenant Governor, Chandler, has improved the already bright prospects of carrying that State; while the only term that can describe the situation in Mr. Taft's own State, Ohio, is the word which the Republicans have heard so often this year—"PANIC". The situation in that State from the standpoint of the Republicans was very troublesome to them, and their situation can easily be imagined since the reconciliation between Messrs. Taft and Foraker were closely followed by the nauseating disclosures of Senator Foraker's intimate relations with the Standard Oil Co., and the payment of large sums of money to him by the Vice-President of that company since he has been representing Ohio in the Senate. A few more disclosures of this character will make a certificate of election to the Senate "prima facie evidence".

#### Kitchin's Campaign.

Mr. Kitchin last week completed his conquest of the West. He has had the most enthusiastic receptions at every point, and has found but faction. This week he will take the southern border Counties, and then throughout the East.

#### Mr. Cox's Letter of Acceptance.

Mr. Cox has accepted. He says as much in a carefully prepared letter and discussion of the situation, which he published a few days ago. There is one peculiar feature of the Republican State Platform which is accentuated by this letter: The Democrats have had the management of affairs in this State for a decade, and the only thing in the entire record of ten years with which their platform finds fault is with the passenger rate legislation, which has already saved the people of the

State \$1,400,000, while Mr. Cox, in his letter of acceptance, practically abandons this quarrel with the Democrats and goes back upon his own sworn testimony in Washington City and says now that he is in favor of "strict regulation" of the railroads.

But the most serious joke of this letter is the statement by Mr. Cox that he wants to be elected Governor so that he can give the State a "business administration". Mr. Cox is tremendously mistaken about that. He just wants the job. And wants it bad enough to drag in with him in order to get it, the entire Spencer Adams brigade into every department of the State government, even including the public school system, which has been so thoroughly well managed that, personally, Mr. Cox wanted to see the present management continued, and in which he was so easily beaten and overwhelmed by a Sampson county Butler, while his hours were fresh upon his brow. There is no doubt that Mr. Cox is a good business man. In fact, he has succeeded so well in business, that it is said he has a world-wide monopoly of the little block business. But if he should undertake to apply the same kind of business principles to his shuttle trust that he proposes to apply to the State government, he would find his business destroyed as quickly as his ideas of a non-partisan school system were shattered in the Republican Convention. Suppose, for instance, that his shuttle factory has for the last ten years been under management so thoroughly faithful, efficient and successful that in all that period he could not find anything to criticize, and that he should call up his general manager and all his subordinates any say to them, "I have no complaint against you, but you are discharged, and I am going to reinstate the crowd I had here ten years ago, who brought disaster and even dishonor upon my business". The application is automatic. The State penitentiary, for instance, under four years of management by Mr. Cox's party associates—Jas. R. Smith, to be specific, and his Parson Babb, to whom he sent the classic message that he would have to "hold up on preaching for a while", spent \$227,616.60 out of the State treasury in addition to its earnings. In seven years of Democratic management it has earned for the State a net profit of \$449,293.66—nearly a half million. Now Mr. Cox wants to put "business" into this by turning down this sort of management and putting in such as "Judge" Adams and Butler would force into it.

Let's analyze this "business" idea a little further, for, as that term is generally used by a man who wants to get a job by it, it is the most genuine kind of demagoguery. We have already admitted Mr. Cox's business qualifications. His success in piling up a private fortune attests that. Suppose he wanted a man to run one of the machines in his shuttle trust factory; he'd get a man who had had experience in that kind of work. If prosecuted under the anti-trust law he'd get a lawyer to defend it, and if he would apply his business acumen to the selection of a governor for the State (and didn't want the job himself), he would select a man who had given his life to a study of public questions, like W. W. Kitchin, instead of to a man who had given his life to private fortune building. Mr. Cox is doubtless a man of good character, the Industrial News to the contrary notwithstanding. But he has less of control of his party than a one per cent. stockholder would have in his shuttle block trust. If he should get his fingers scorched in a vain effort to scratch a few cents out of the coals he will find that he has exactly met the expectations of his sponsors.

#### Normal Overflowing.

There are 530 students at the State Normal at Greensboro. Every room in the dormitory is occupied. Many students are boarding in the neighborhood of the college. A large number were forced to return home for lack of accommodation.

#### Registration Books.

A construction of the election law of North Carolina made by Assistant Attorney General Hayden Clement is to the effect that the registration books must be opened Thursday October 1st and close Saturday October 24th.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS FOR A NEW DEPOT.

Negro Pleads Guilty to Murder in Second Degree

### TOM BALDWIN TRIED AT TROY

Judge Webb Commended Course of Solicitor and Counsel—Only Circumstantial Evidence Against Tom Baldwin.

At Troy last week Tom Baldwin, a young negro, was tried and sentenced to 25 years at hard labor in the penitentiary for murder in the second degree.

The story of his crime, which appeared in these columns nearly a year ago, is as follows:

Mary Ann Harper, a half-sister of Capt. John L. Stuart, of Star, living near Pekin, was outraged and brutally murdered on the night of Oct. 20th of last year. Indications pointed to Tom Baldwin, but proof was entirely circumstantial, hardly sufficient to justify hanging the defendant.

The jury was selected Tuesday and on Wednesday morning on coming into court the defendant, through his counsel, pleaded guilty of murder in the second degree, which was accepted by the court.

Judge Webb commended the solicitor and counsel for having advised this wise course.

### DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN FUND

A Liberal Contribution Raised in Asheboro For National Campaign.

The following contributions to the National Democratic Campaign Fund have been made by citizens of Asheboro, and the same has been forwarded to headquarters at Chicago, by J. A. Spence, local representative.

J. T. Penn	1.00
W. C. Hammond	1.00
H. M. Robins	1.00
J. A. Spence	1.00
Dr. W. J. Moore	1.00
W. A. Underwood	1.00
W. D. Stedman	.50
Solon Stedman	1.00
Robeson Moffitt	1.00
R. R. Ross	1.00
Lauria Cranford	1.00
Ernest Amman	1.00
Dr. D. K. Lockhart	1.00
J. D. Ross	1.00
J. A. Cornblum	1.00
E. Whaley	1.00
J. A. York	1.00
W. C. Armstrong	1.00
T. J. Hoover	.25
Cash	1.00
James F. Wood	1.00
W. P. Wood	1.00
Cash	1.00
T. H. Redding	1.00
W. J. Miller	1.00
A. C. McAlister	1.00
H. E. Moffitt	1.00
Cash	1.00
G. M. Fox	1.00
O. R. Fox	1.00
Oscar Redding	1.00
Cash	1.00
C. C. McAlister	1.00
C. C. Cranford	1.00
	\$33.75

### Farmer Robbed of \$100.00.

Frank Holton, a farmer of near Kinaston, was held up by a negro highwayman while enroute home from town last Friday. The robber held his victim at the point of a pistol while he took from his pockets \$100 and made off through the woods. Bloodhounds followed the trail of the negro without result.

### Change in Date.

The speaking at Brower's Chapel School House, Asheboro township, on Friday night of this week is called in owing to the fact that Hon. Claude Kitchin is billed to speak at Asheboro on that night. The citizens of the Brower community, as well as elsewhere are cordially invited to come and hear Mr. Kitchin.

### Death of Mrs. Hinshaw

Mrs. Hermida Hinshaw, of near Routh's Mill, died last Saturday after an illness of several months. Mrs. Hinshaw was 94 years and was a member of one of Randolph's oldest families. The remains were interred at Mt. Lebanon church, Randleman, Sunday.

Ringling Brothers Circus will show at Winston-Salem October 14th.

Officials of the Southern and A. & A. Visit Asheboro.

### PROSPECT IS ENCOURAGING

Superintendent Walton, of the Southern and Messrs. H. A. and J. R. Page of the Asheboro & Aberdeen Railways, Guests of the Industrial Association.

The Asheboro Industrial Association had as its guests on Tuesday, Messrs. P. G. Walton, of Greensboro, superintendent of this, the Danville division of the Southern Railway, Henry A. Page, president of the Asheboro & Aberdeen Railway and J. R. Page, vice-president and general manager of the same road.

These gentlemen came to Asheboro upon the invitation of the Association for the purpose of considering the necessity of a new passenger station and certain changes in the freight station at this point. Mr. Walton and Messrs. Page agreed that better facilities are necessary and the prospect for a new union station at Asheboro is encouraging. Mr. Page stated that he stood ready to join in with the Southern to this end.

Mr. Walton, within whose power it is to recommend the erection of a new station, has asked the committee to secure an option on some adjoining property which might be needed, and if the same can be had at a reasonable figure, it is possible that his recommendation that a new building be erected at Asheboro will be considered by the Southern.

The committee to entertain the guests, composed of Messrs. D. B. McCarty, J. O. Redding, W. P. Wood, R. R. Ross, W. J. Armfield, Jr., P. B. Morris, H. M. Robins and C. T. Latta, was appointed at a meeting of the Industrial Association held Monday night.

### Read Courier Advertisements.

The merchants of Asheboro now have their shelves filled with fall and winter goods. It will pay you to read their advertisements in The Courier and see what they have to offer you. The merchants of Asheboro carry a nice line of goods as can be found anywhere and they sell them at reasonable prices. If you are not already patronizing them, when you get ready to buy your dress goods, clothing, shoes, etc., come and give them a trial. They will treat you right and make it to your advantage to continue to trade with them.

### Taft Courting Negro Voters.

In a speech at Cincinnati, Ohio, last week, Wm. H. Taft made a strong bid for the negro vote when he declared "When I get into the White House no plea in favor of a negro will have any less consideration than a white man."

### Building Bridges.

The commissioners of Moore county have ordered new bridges built at Glendon at a cost of \$5,400 and at Noise at a cost of \$2,300. H. W. Curtis will build the former and D. H. Horner the latter.

### Quarrelled Over a Cow.

Cordary Godwin, of Johnson county, was killed by his son one day last week during a family quarrel over a cow. Henry Goavin, his son, struck him over the head crushing his skull, and then left for parts unknown.

### Cholera in Russian Palace.

The rapid spread of Asiatic Cholera at St. Petersburg, Russia, is causing alarm. Cases have been discovered in the royal palace and palaces of the Dukes. The sufferers are among the servants.

### The Littles Acquitted.

In Guilford Superior Court last week Arthur Little and wife were acquitted of the charge of having stolen \$2,177 from Ellen Gardner near Jamestown last January.

### Don't Like Their Looks.

The Colored National Baptist Association at Lexington, Ky., has decided to start a negro doll factory. They say the uncomely and deformed features of negro dolls now sold compels the negro to buy white dolls for Christmas.

## KILLED ON RAILROAD

Drunken Negro Slept on Railroad Track and Met Death

John Johnson, a negro, was run over and killed Sunday night by a train on the Asheboro branch of the Southern at Fairview.

The body was found by the section hands about 6 o'clock Monday morning. The body had been run over by a freight train which passed Fairview about midnight, and was severed at the waist line. The lower extremities, which had been dragged some distance from the remainder of the body was badly mangled.

Johnson was 23 years old and was employed at Fairview Park. He was seen about nine o'clock by Cornelia Gray, who says Johnson was drinking. His father says he left his home about nine o'clock and that he had been drinking. The supposition is that he sat down on the track and, overcome by the intoxicant, went to sleep.

Coroner D. L. Fox was called to the scene of the accident and after an investigation turned the body over to the father for burial. No request was held.

## GREENSBORO'S CENTENNIAL.

Will be Held During Week of Oct. 11th-17th—Many Attractions—A Hearty Welcome to All Visitors.

Greensboro, N. C., September 29. The week of Oct. 11th-17th will be observed here as "centennial and home-coming week," in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the village that has grown into the prosperous and progressive city of Greensboro. Committees of leading citizens have been at work for months planning to make the event the greatest affair of the kind ever witnessed in any Southern State. Nothing has been left undone to add to the comfort, pleasure, instruction and edification of the many thousands of visitors expected in the city during the week.

The annual fair of the Central Carolina Fair Association will be held during centennial week, and in view of the large influx of visitors expected, the management has planned to make it the greatest fair and the most creditable exhibition the State has ever witnessed along its lines.

All the railroads will give special rates, and every visitor to Greensboro during the week will be given a genuine Tar Heel welcome.

### Adams Wants \$100,000.

Attorneys for ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams have filed in the office of the clerk of Guilford Superior Court the complaints in his suit against Marion Butler and his brother, Lester F. Butler and the Caucasian Publishing Co., at Raleigh. The plaintiff asks \$50,000 from ex-Senator Marion Butler and his brother and a like amount from the Caucasian for alleged libelous articles about Judge Adams in connection with the Chocaw and Chickasaw Citizenship court of Indian Territory, of which Judge Adams was a chief justice.

### \$45,000 to be Divided.

On Monday the annual apportionment to the rural high schools was made by the State board of education. The schools received from \$250 to \$500 each and \$45,000 was divided among them. There are applications for far more than this sum. Professor Walker, who looks particularly after the high schools, says that as a matter of fact \$100,000 is needed for these schools, but in view of the hard times the Legislature will not be asked for more at its coming session and the State board will wait two years before it asks for more money.

### Barn and Stock Burned.

The barn of S. W. Bowden, of Advance, together with three mules, a number of sheep, all his tools, threshing machine and other implements were burned one evening last week. Mr. Bowden believes incendiaries applied a torch. He had no insurance. His loss is \$2,500.

### Olmstead Moore Dead.

Olmstead Moore, a prominent citizen of Troy, died of Bright's disease last week, aged 47 years. He was a son-in-law of Dr. T. C. Dowd, of Brown, Randolph county.

## INSPIRED NEW ZEAL

Hon. T. W. Bickett Spoke to Large Crowd.

### POSTMASTER-GENERAL COMPLAINS OF RATES.

A Direct Rebuke from Postal Authorities to J. Elwood Cox—Farmer Picnic List of Appointments.

The Democratic campaign in Randolph county is waxing warmer with each setting sun. The people of the county are becoming aroused to the importance of re-electing the Democratic ticket in county and State as well as the National ticket. A feature of the campaign today was the address of Hon. T. W. Bickett, candidate for Attorney General, at the courthouse in Asheboro. The court room was well filled. A large number of ladies were present. Mr. Bickett's speech was a severe arraignment of the Republican party and its principles in both State and Nation, and was closely followed by the large crowd, as was shown by the frequent and prolonged applause.

Mr. Bickett compared the platforms of the two parties. He declared that the platform as well as the history of the Republican party has proven it the party of the trusts and classes, while the Democratic platform and history clearly show it to be the party of the people—the masses.

He spoke of the necessity of tariff revision for the benefit of the people. Democracy will revise the tariff, while the Republicans only renew their promise of revision.

He spoke of the attitude of J. Elwood Cox, Republican candidate for Governor, against the people and in favor of the railroads, especially in freight regulations in North Carolina. Mr. Bickett quoted from a letter of the Postmaster General, which gave notice that Greensboro could be discontinued as a distributing point for postal supplies.

The reason given in this letter was that the exorbitant rates for transportation of postal supplies from the factory to Greensboro made it impossible to maintain a distributing point there, registered mail to be discontinued in the State being preferred.

The feature today is the basket picnic at Farmer. Elaborate arrangements have been made and one of the greatest demonstrations ever made in that part of the county will take place.

Hon. Claud Kitchin will speak to the people in an interesting address on the political issues, and he should be heard by every one who expects to vote on the 3rd day of November.

The speaker will be met at Howard's store and accompanied to Farmer by a large mounted procession. Mr. Kitchin will be heard by a large crowd.

The people of the county should remember the appointments of the speaker and attend as often as possible.

County Chairman, W. J. Miller announces the following appointments during the remainder of this month and the first of October. All speeches for night will be delivered at 7:30 o'clock:

### Hon. J. R. Blair's Appointments.

Hon. J. R. Blair will speak at the following times and places with the county candidates and nominees for the General Assembly: Trinity, Monday, Oct. 5th. Archdale, Monday night, 5th. New Market, Tuesday, 6th. Level Cross, Tuesday night, 6th. Widow Chamness, Wednesday 7th. Melancthon, Wednesday night, 7th. Liberty, Thursday 8th. Staley School House Thursday night, 8th. Ransom, Friday 9th. Franklinville, Friday night 9th. Cedar Falls, Saturday 10th. Central Falls School House, Saturday night, 10th.

### A. S. Dockery.

Randleman, Monday night, October 12th. S. A. Cox's, Tuesday, October 13th, with County candidates. Asheboro, Tuesday night, October 13th. Worthville, Wednesday night, October 14th. Central Falls School House, Thursday night, October 15th.