

NEWS FROM OUR CAPITAL CITY

Tariff And High Prices--More Republican Guesses--Political Prospects to Date.

Nick Longworth is backing up his father-in-law as well as he can by going back on Uncle Joe, but the Colonel should see that Nick renounces Cannonism. Uncle Joe may soon enter on the Astral plane, but all the awfulisms which he stands for must be discarded if the people are to gain.

Senator Smoot at the meeting of governors at Salt Lake said he did not believe that Eastern interests were trying to control the West. Then why does Senator Smoot always vote with Senator Aldrich?

Can the Republicans afford not to renominate President Taft to do otherwise would be to acknowledge that his administration and policies have been a failure. That would be equal to defeat in advance, even with the Colonel as the candidate.

A good many standpat congressmen are dropping out on the fight for a renomination, which shows that the trend is strongly towards democracy.

"Sunny Jim" Sherman and the President scored first blood in their fight with the Colonel, which shows that the administration is hanging together. The Colonel will have to take his innings later--perhaps.

When it comes to the control of committees the "Old Guard" is on to the game; but how will it fare at the election? Does any one believe that Jim Sherman, although he is Vice-President, could beat Roosevelt for any position in the Republican ranks in New York or elsewhere?

That "harmony" plan which Taft's young men at Beverly concocted seems to have landed on the rocks; the cargo has been jettisoned, and it will require considerable tugging to get the craft into clear water again.

The new railroad law went fully into effect on August 17, but it will take some months to take evidence, and for the Interstate Commerce Commission to decide if the increase in rates asked for by the railroads is reasonable.

The important question that must soon be decided by the Republicans is whether the Insurgent lamb will lie down with the standpat lion, or whether the lamb will be inside the lion.

The price of crude rubber has declined 50 per cent, but the price of automobile tires has been advanced 25 per cent by the Rubber Trust. How does Senator Aldrich explain that?

An English rubber company has just paid a dividend of 120 per cent and yet some people wonder why Senator Aldrich and Rockefeller have formed a "Rubber Trust."

President Taft is evidently willing to have "peace at any price" between the warring Republican factions.

The whole tariff issue, as far as the great majority of the people are concerned, is the question of prices. All the caviling of politicians and the quibbling of those protected by the tariff cannot disguise the fact that under Republican tariff laws the cost of living has vastly increased, and many people have not received an advance in incomes or wages to meet the average enhanced price of all they buy.

Will President Taft still take council with Crane and the other reactionaries, or will he veer towards Roosevelt to prevent a factional fight in the State of New York which if thus lost to the Republican party might lead to making a Jonah of Taft himself.

The Democrats, of course, have troubles of their own; but they are subsiding and the party is, perhaps, nearer unity on essentials than since the first Cleveland Administration. Under such conditions, those who believe that Democratic policies are necessary for the welfare of the people of all the states will draw even closer together as they see the chances of success so favorable.

that home competition would in a measure prevail, and to so reduce the tariff that competition from abroad will compel reasonable prices here.

The tariff is not responsible for all the vast increase in prices, neither are the trusts and combines; but these causes can be safely charged with more than half of the increase. Under a tariff for revenue only, prices have advanced in England about 25 per cent, and the causes for such increase are world wide. In protected Germany and France prices have increased as much as here, and combinations in restraint of trade similar to our trusts are prevalent.

The Republican politicians and stump speakers will, of course, try to begot the tariff issue with a great mass of details and figures which but few can understand; to tell the plain facts would give away the whole protection theory, which is already breaking down of its own weight and the practical injustice of taking all the people for the benefit of the few who are protected.

There is a guess going around that Colonel Roosevelt will do nothing to prevent the Sherman standpat-gang from having full control of the New York State Convention and making a platform and nominating candidates that will invite defeat. Such a Republican catastrophe would play into the hands of the Colonel by allowing him to dominate the organization in 1912 and select a delegation to the National convention that he would control.

And so we might go on with all the guesses that are going and yet arrive at nothing certain beyond the fact that the rival Republican factions are making horrible faces at each other, and are quite ready to make goats of anyone who does not agree with them. The fickle wind is stable compared with the daily news from the headquarters of the Republican statesmen. The Elephant himself stands with dejected look and takes orders from no one, and the rank and file of the Republican outfit are divided into rival camps.

President Taft does not seem to be able to rid himself of the standpatters. He no sooner makes an unsuccessful effort to make scapegoats of Cannon, Aldrich and Ballinger than he takes up with Crane, the most inveterate conservative, as his principal political adviser. It is about time that the President tumbled to the fact that all these standpat statesmen must stand by the Administration, or their goose is cooked. There is no doubt that a majority of the Republican voters in the Western states are with the Insurgents, and if there were a free and fair vote in the Eastern states the Old Guard would be bowled over. It is mainly the control of the Republican organizations, with the power of counting the votes cast at the primaries, that allows them to hold the whip hand. To that must be added the enormous power of the distribution of the Federal offices which President Taft has allowed them to dictate. From this view of Republican politics it is impossible to give President Taft credit for any leaning towards the Insurgents, although he still keeps on friendly terms with some of them to escape the charge that he has split the Republican party.

Colonel Roosevelt had evidently been waiting, with his usual political shrewdness, to see the result of the primaries and conventions in the debatable states when he was forced to show his hand as the result of the "turn down" by the Republican state committee of his own state. He is now openly with the Insurgents and will fight for the control of New York.

Will President Taft still take council with Crane and the other reactionaries, or will he veer towards Roosevelt to prevent a factional fight in the State of New York which if thus lost to the Republican party might lead to making a Jonah of Taft himself. The President is thus confronted with a dilemma, and to grasp either horn is dangerous.

The Democrats, of course, have troubles of their own; but they are subsiding and the party is, perhaps, nearer unity on essentials than since the first Cleveland Administration. Under such conditions, those who believe that Democratic policies are necessary for the welfare of the people of all the states will draw even closer together as they see the chances of success so favorable.

There are two remedies that will reduce these high prices; namely, to curb the trusts and combines so

10 Weeks For 10 Cents

Send us ten cents and we will send you the Courier ten weeks for ten cents. Send your own subscription today. Address The Courier, box 357 Asheville.

But over confidence would be folly with such opponents as the Republicans with their organization and money, and their greed for power which, at the last moment, will lead them to stoop to conquer.

So postmaster-General Hitchcock is in Arizona and New Mexico, according to a Chicago Associated Press report, "to start organizing the two new states with a view of electing four new Republican United States Senators." Meanwhile he draws his salary and is supposed to be attending to his duties at the Postoffice Department where, in consequence of his prolonged absence,

ORPHAN'S HOME AT DENTON

Opened Last week Under Auspices of Home Mission Society.

The Orphan's Home at Denton was opened last week under the auspices of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina, of which Mrs. W. C. Hamner, of Asheville, is President. At the Annual Meeting of the organization in Greensboro in May, it was decided that a special work in North Carolina should be undertaken and that the work should be among orphan children. Before the meeting, Rev. Geo. L. Reynolds, who is principal of the Denton school, on being asked as to an opening at Denton for work of this kind, offered tuition free to as many children as would come, and the use of the old school building which has been converted into a nine room house, also free of charge. This proposition was accepted and this little band of women went to work earnestly for the Orphan's Home. As to every other enterprise, some were favorable and some were not, but the women have been out talking about the work, helping organize Home Mission Societies and soliciting for the Home. Different societies are furnishing the rooms and a great many of the churches are getting up boxes of furnishings and food. Three children from the western part of the state were the first to arrive. Several application blanks are out and when properly signed and filled out, will be sent in to the committee, who will decide upon them. Since the decision of the Home

business of importance to the people will be hung up awaiting his return. This is evidently not a Civil Service reform administration. How could it be, with Hitchcock as the active dispenser of political pap? There is a report in Washington that Hitchcock bankers after one of those setbacks from Arizona for himself, and last he has been using the patronage of the Postoffice Department for that end. It is hardly probable, however, that even a Republican boss-owned legislature would dare to elect a non-resident, and a standpatter at that, for United States Senator.

Mission Society in this State to establish an Orphan Home, it has been found that this is the first attempt towards establishing an orphanage in the history of the Methodist Protestant Church in the United States. The Methodist Protestant Church of North Carolina should feel proud. This beginning, which in all probability, will soon prove a great help to the church throughout the State. Miss Mabel Williams, who for several years held a responsible position with Gilmer, Mahler Folkin Co., Winston, is Matron and Miss Etta Auman, Why Not, who has charge of the music department in the Denton school, will assist her. At the meeting of the Executive Board, in Asheville, the privilege of retaining the dues paid in by members of the various organizations was granted for the support of the work. Some of the interested friends have made monthly, quarterly and annual pledges. Anything will be gratefully received. This is a noble work, a large field of work in which there are great opportunities and a work which should have not only the co-operation of the Methodist Protestants of the State, but friends who are able to help carry on the work.

The school at Denton opened last Monday with seventy pupils, the largest opening in the history of the school. Rev. Geo. L. Reynolds is Principal, Miss Giera Bylerly, Yadin College, primary teacher, and Miss Etta Auman, Why Not, has charge of the music class. Denton is in a splendid section of the country and the people are hospitable and kind.

Mr. C. K. Oliver Dead. Mr. Chas. K. Oliver, who has been to Asheville several times and who was for many years one of the owners of the Uwharrie Mine in this County and the North State Mining Company in Guilford County, and was Secretary and Treasurer of these two mining corporations, also was President of the Consolidated Cotton Duck Company, died suddenly on a steamer on his way home from England a few days ago. Mr. Oliver retired from active business last December. Mr. Oliver has spent much of his time in Columbia, S. C., where his particular mills were located.

Death of Aged Citizen. Mr. E. J. V. Craven, known as Emery Craven, died at his home in Franklinville Township August 24, and was laid to rest in Pleasant Ridge cemetery the following day. Mr. Craven only lacked one day of being 84 years of age. He is survived by one son, Mr. James H. Craven, at whose home he died; and one daughter, Mrs. Harrison Williams also of Franklinville Township. Mr. Craven was a successful farmer, and a substantial and highly respected citizen.

Montgomery Republicans. The Montgomery County Republican Convention met at Troy, August 20, and nominated J. B. Ewing for Register of Deeds, W. G. DeBerry, of Pee Dee, for Sheriff, W. Farlow, of Ether, for State Senator, and Mr. Parsons, of Candor for surveyor. Candidates for the remaining county officers were not nominated.

Married. Mr. Gurney Ferree and Miss Ida Henley, were married in Asheville last Friday, Mr. J. S. Ridge, J. P., performing the ceremony. After the ceremony the happy couple drove out to the home of the groom one mile east of town, where a bountiful wedding supper was served. Mr. Ferree is a son of the late James Farree, and is an industrious and highly respected young man. His bride has been for two or three years one of Randolph's successful school teachers. Their many friends wish for them much joy along the journey of life.

Winningham-Brown. Mr. C. R. Winningham and Miss Maud Brown were happily married at the home of the bride last Sunday morning Mr. S. E. Lowdermilk J. P., officiating. Mr. Winningham is a son of Mr. K. L. Winningham, of Grant Township, and is a worthy young man, while Mrs. Winningham is a daughter of Mr. Isaac Brown, of near Asheville. She is an attractive young lady and popular among a large circle of friends. Their many friends wish for them much happiness through life.

Offering at Elon College. Elon College, in Alamance County, N. C., the very heart of the famous piedmont section, opens its twenty-first session Sept. the seventeenth. The prospect is now for best year in the institution's history so say reports from the College, based upon the returns from the various states and sections served by the College. The students from this county who have gone there to school have been well pleased and are doing well. We have no doubt that those who go this year will return satisfied. Education may be had there for from \$118 to \$187 per session of ten months.

For catalogue or one of the various College Bulletins free address a postal card to Dean, W. A. Harper, Elon College, N. C.

To the School Public. Owing to the fact that the Morris-Scarboro-Moffitt Co., has decided not to handle school books any longer and that a successor to this firm was not selected in time for the opening of school the superintendent of the graded schools will furnish the school books from his office during the first few days of school. These books will be sold for cash at listed prices, the idea being to accommodate and not to make money. Don't ask to have books charged. O. V. Wootley, Supt.

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT PLANK

A Product of Hypocrisy--Designed to Please Anti-Prohibitionists

If you see anything's ears sticking from beneath its disguise it is the "local self-government" plank in the Republican State platform adopted at the Greensboro convention last Wednesday. It is a cunning device, but is such a palpable subterfuge that a blind mule could see it and give the masquerader a good imitation of the horse laugh.

People admire bold declarations in a party platform, but they have a contempt for cunning trickery and deception when it is practiced by any party, it matters not which. "Local self government!" In the abstract it is Republican buncombe and in the concrete it is a delusion and a snare. It is gossamer designed to strike Democrats who favor local option and is muffled thunder forged so it won't startle prohibition Republicans.

The "local self-government" plank in the Greensboro platform is a product of the most arrant hypocrisy. It holds out the idea to anti-prohibitionists that is the embodiment of "local option" -- local option under another name -- and it is to be palmed off on prohibition Republicans who may be susceptible of being misled into the belief that it means a declaration that communities should govern themselves. It means "local option" to fool Democrats, and it is a fake "local self-government" to fool Republicans. It is a "cat in the meat tub" so covered as not to make prohibition Republicans run, and is a "jack o'lantern" to lure local option Democrats to the bog.

Butlerized "local self-government" pretensions by the Republican party in North Carolina should neither delude Democrats nor humbug Republicans to mean "local option" to catch votes, while it is not a guarantee that it will re-open the whiskey question or affect the question one way or the other. It is not intended for "local self-government" but its aim in that direction is to hold Republican ranks while it foils Democrats to come in.

The people know that the Democratic party is the local self-government party, while the Republican party not only ignores local self government but even destroys State's rights whenever it can. When the Republican-Populist fusion crowd had North Carolina in its grip fourteen years ago, it gave Wilmington a fine example of local self-government. The "fusion" legislature placed the government of Wilmington in the hands of Governor D. L. Russell and he appointed the rulers of the city, including four negro aldermen. The government which Wilmington didn't get by Republican local self government was chased out with Winchester rifles and shot guns. "Local self-government!" Bah! Nobody should be fooled.

A Few Facts. While Moses N. Harshaw, Esq., in his speech to the Rowan Republicans Saturday, was lauding Republican prosperity and declaring that we are enjoying the best times in the history of the country, more than 1,000 employees of the Southern's Spencer shops were walking the streets of Salisbury, on account of a sweeping reduction in hours of work. At the same time every cotton mill in Salisbury was idle, with little prospect of resuming on full time in the near future.

These are facts in spite of Mr. Harshaw's rosy picture.--Salisbury Post. Ex Gov. Aycock to Speak in Iredell. Former Gov. Chas. B. Aycock made the key note speech of the campaign in Randolph on the 6th day of August. His next speech will be at Statesville on September the 3rd, in which he will make a carefully prepared speech which will be used as a campaign document. He will also speak at Mooresville on the night of September the 3rd.

The Ohio Valley Exposition commemorating one hundred years of navigation on the Ohio River, opened at Cincinnati last Monday.



MISS MABEL WILLIAMS Matron of the Denton Orphan's Home