

WASHINGTON LETTER

Champ Clark Says House is Making a Good Fight—Democratic Victory—A Democratic Doctrine

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Washington, July 3.—"The young members of the House are working like veterans. The present House is one that no Democrat, or any other American citizen, for that matter, need apologize for. I believe the country thoroughly appreciates this too."

Thus declared Speaker Champ Clark. He was hard at work in his private office at the time, sitting behind a desk piled high with correspondence, reports of investigating committees, and an assortment of books that would serve an ordinary man as an entire library.

"The members of the House are fighting a good fight," said the Speaker.

"We are fulfilling as rapidly and as literally as possible every promise made to the people.

"We promised in the Denver platform to reform the rules of the House, and we have done it. That is an accomplished fact.

"Our opponents declared that only under the old rules could the business of the House be transacted. It was predicted that if the committees were named by the House chaos would result.

"We have reformed and liberalized the rules and elected committees and we expedite business and bring joy to the hearts of all lovers of the republic.

"We promised the people that we would submit a proposition to amend the Constitution to permit the people to vote direct for United States Senators. The House promptly passed a measure.

"We promised to pass a bill compelling the publication of campaign expenses before the elections. That has been done.

"We promised to admit New Mexico and Arizona. We have done our best to bring that about. It is up to the Senate.

"We promised to cut down the disbursements of the government. We have already made a beginning by abolishing more than one hundred useless offices in and about the House of Representatives, thereby saving \$182,000 annually.

"This is only an earnest of what we will accomplish.

"We are living up to the Jeffersonian doctrine of 'economy in the public expense that labor may be lightly burdened.' No doubt we will be sneered at by spendthrifts as cheapskates, but hard-headed, sensible folk will indorse our action, because it deserves to be indorsed.

"We promised to repeal the tariff on wood pulp, print paper, lumber, timber and logs and that those articles would be placed on the free list. So far as the Democratic House is concerned that pledge has been fulfilled in the Reciprocity bill and the 'Farmers' Free List' bill, which sleeps in the Republican Senate.

Taft Still With Aldrich

President Taft's recent statement that the adoption of ex-Senator Aldrich's currency system, designed to put the control of American money absolutely in the hands of Wall street bankers, is the most important legislation now pending, has resulted in the old issue being raised between himself and progressive Republicans.

He has presented himself and his administration as a new menace to public interest, and raised the Democrats and progressive Republicans to a higher plane of public usefulness, as the only effective force the public can rely upon to resist the aggressive money power of Morgan and the President's efforts to serve it.

Both Aldrich and Mr. Taft declare there is no intention of establishing anything like a central government bank. But nobody can read the Aldrich plan in detail without realizing that it is a central bank issue that he proposes. His so-called "Reserve Association of America" is to be the depositary and fiscal agent of the national government. It is to have the sole issue power. It may receive deposits from those national banks that are stockholders in it. It shall establish branch banks, which, just as under the central government bank scheme, will rush their local deposits to the central bank, thus taking money out of the community which would otherwise be loaned out for investments in home enterprises. It may

Farmers Should Send Exhibits To Land Exposition.

The Courier urges the farmers of Randolph to send exhibits to the land show to be in Madison Square Garden in New York City November 3 to November 12, and show that this section of the South is one of the best in the United States. Every State in the Union will be represented.

The land show will be called the American Land and Irrigation Exposition. The show is given to show the world what products can be raised in the United States.

Many valuable prizes will be awarded. Randolph farmers grow everything in the best except sugar beets, and there is no reason why Randolph farmers should not compete for these prizes.

One thousand dollar cups are offered for the following: Best 100 pounds of wheat grown in the United States in 1911; best 100 pounds of oats in 1911; best short staple cotton in 1911; best exhibit of marketable late potatoes in 1911; best sugar beets in 1911; best variety of hops in 1911; best exhibit of alfalfa. A \$1,500 cup is offered for the best bushel of barley in 1911; \$1,000 in gold is offered for the best 100 bushels of hard red wheat, spring or winter, grown on either continent in America in 1911; \$500 in gold is offered for the best 25 boxes of apples, any variety, grown anywhere in the world.

In addition to the prizes there are other attractions to make the occasion a pleasant one. A fine choir of 200 voices, bands, etc., at a cost of \$41,000, will hold forth through the entire exposition. On every day tracts of grain lands, irrigated lands, farms and orchards, valued at from \$1,000 to \$2,000, will be given to exposition visitors by allotment.

Early Cotton Blooms.

Among the early cotton blooms of the season, are two sent The Courier by P. C. Cheek, a colored farmer living near Ramseur. The blooms appeared June 28.

To Kill Flies.

Again we publish the prescription guaranteed to kill every fly that gets in reach of it. It is:

Tablespoonful formalin.
Tablespoonful milk.
Tablespoonful water.
Mix and place in saucer. Lay a piece of bread across the saucer for the flies to light upon. It must be remembered that this would be dangerous to a person to take internally.

buy and sell government and state securities and gold coin or bullion. It may rediscount paper for banks depositing with it. In short, the Aldrich reserve association is a bank with immense privileges and powers, but without the name of a bank. Wall street will control it. It is obvious that the words "central bank" were omitted because of the prejudice against such an institution by the country banks. Uncle Sam once tried a central bank. It was managed and manipulated by politicians and brought a panic on the entire country. Aldrich's flimsy misrepresentation, even though endorsed by Mr. Taft, will accomplish but little. Remembering its last experience, this government will not stand for another central government bank.

A Democratic Doctrine

Election of senators by direct vote of the people, which is now held up in Congress by an amendment supported by Bristow of Kansas and the entire group of special privilege servers in the Senate, is distinctly a Democratic proposition. The report of the proceedings of the Republican national convention of 1908 shows that the vote on including in the platform a demand for the election of senators by the people was: Yeas 114 and nays 866.

What Free List Means

The Democratic free list bill in Congress simply means that the farmer will get his vehicle, farm tools, wire fencing, harness and shoes for less money. Is not that a good thing?

Can You Figure This Out?

While the Republican trust-buster, Kellogg, was prosecuting the Standard Oil Company for the government, he was receiving regular and "extra" compensation from the steel trust. Directors of the concern that paid him these fees were stockholders in the concern he was prosecuting. What is the answer?



Farm House on the Smith Place near Ramseur, Randolph County, N. C.



Corn Grown on the Smith Place near Ramseur



Harvesting Wheat on the Smith Farm near Ramseur.

LETTER FROM CONFEDERATE VETERAN.

Interesting Reminiscences of the Civil War.

Mr. Editor: I notice in your issue of the 29th ult. the death of Levi Foster. I will write a few lines for you to print of our ups and downs through the war between the States. Mr. Foster and I volunteered in Capt. J. M. Odell's Company M, 22nd N. C. Regiment, the 10th day of June, 1861, and served under Lee and Jackson in Virginia, and no better man than Mr. Foster ever carried a Southern musket. We fought together at Fair Oaks Farm, also together at Seven Pines at the opening of the seven days battle below Richmond. I was shot down and left in the lines of the Yankees. Foster and Calvin Allred rushed through their lines and brought me out. Next day Allred was killed at Frzier's Run. I did not see Foster again until the battle commenced. I went into the fight and saw Foster doing his duty, shooting at the Yankees. I called to him, "Levi, you are still shooting at the Blue Jackets." "Yes," he replied, "but they haven't shot me yet." This was in Cold Harbor, Md.

Foster was wounded at Manassas and Bristow Station. He went with Lee and Jackson to Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg and Petersburg.

After the war was over Foster returned home and settled down to farming. He was a good farmer and a good Christian man.

It may be interesting to The Courier readers to know the names of a few of the first volunteers who are still living out of the 180 men who first went off with Capt. Odell: W. F. Hayes, Joe Kivett, Joseph Hinson, David Wright, Simon Allen, J. F. Kivett, Larkin York, J. M. Cox, John T. Turner, sergeant. The rest have crossed over the river, and we are waiting to go.

I would like to hear from someone of the old company if they feel like writing.

Yours as ever,
John T. Turner,
Co. M, 22nd Reg. N. C. T.

Daring Train Robbery.

On the night of June 30, from six to ten men held up a train about five miles from Erie, Pa., by piling ties, telephone poles, and other obstructions on the track. The mail and express cars were rifled, the mail clerk shot and seriously wounded, conductor stoned and many passengers narrowly escaped death from bullets. It is alleged that the bandits got \$25,000 being shipped by the Adams Express Company, but the officials deny this.

Officers, assisted by a hundred or more farmers have been searching for the robbers, but have failed to find them.

Jacob Garrett Dead.

On June 28th old Uncle Jacob Garrett died at his home in Liberty. He was 94 years old last December 14th, the oldest man, perhaps, in Randolph county.

Mr. Garrett was born in Alamance county and lived there most of his life, moving to Liberty about four years ago. Mr. Garrett was one of the best men who ever lived. He lost the sight of his eyes some two years ago and had to stay at home all of the time. This he did without a murmur; his mind was as clear as when a young man.

His remains were taken to Back Creek church and buried beside his first wife and a daughter, who died many years ago.

The report of the Wilmington custom house for the fiscal year ending July 1, says: The exports during the past year were something over \$24,000,000 against something over 20,000,000 last year, a gain of 37 per cent. Imports exceeded \$3,000,000 against a little over \$2,000,000 last year. For a five years period imports increased 700 per cent. Exports over 55 per cent. and aggregate receipts 355 per cent.

Commissioner Brown Ill

Corporation Commissioner H. C. Brown is in a critical condition from some sort of stomach trouble. Mr. Brown went to Johns Hopkins hospital for an examination a few weeks ago, and was thought to be improving when he returned, but he has grown worse, and fears for his recovery are now entertained.

Earthquake Shocks Felt in California

Two earthquake shocks, the heaviest since the big shake of 1906, were felt throughout central California, July 1. Only trivial damage is reported from any section but in San Francisco and other cities where the shock was felt the people were panic stricken. Within a few seconds after the first shock many down town buildings were depopulated in a rush to the streets. Telephone and telegraph service was suspended by the operators deserting their post. Herbert Hadley, a lodging house inmate told dead of fright and several persons who sustained severe cuts and bruises were treated at hospitals.

One peculiar feature of the earthquake was that it did not follow the old line in the earth crust but extended from the sea coast eastward to the Sierras including exempt mountain regions.

Annual Cruises

The annual cruises of the several naval brigades of the North Carolina National Guard have been announced by Adjutant-General Leinster:

July 19-26 inclusive—Third division on Elfrida, fifth division on Dupont.

July 27-August 3 inclusive—Fourth division on Elfrida, seventh division on Dupont.

August 9-16 inclusive—Second division on Elfrida, sixth division on Dupont.

Farmers' Union Rally

There will be a Farmers' Union Rally at Why Not Academy on Friday, July 14, given by Why Not Local, No. 1383. Everybody is invited, and especially all Union people. All are respectfully requested to bring well-filled baskets. There will be addresses on education, agriculture, and especially on the workings of the Union.

Come one, come all and enjoy a day off, which will contribute greatly to your happiness and prosperity.

The following is the program: Open at 10:00 a. m.

Music, by the Farmer Cornet Band.

Prayer, Rev. J. R. Comer. Welcome, G. F. Garner.

Response, B. F. Kearns, Kanoy, Music.

Introductory Speech, J. M. Allen, Asheboro.

Address on Good of the Order, J. Z. Greene, Marshville.

Music. Intermission, one hour and one-half.

Music. Address, Education and the Farmer, Prof. F. C. Amick, Elon College.

Music. Address, Agriculture, Geo. R. Ross, Asheboro.

Music. T. W. Lawrence, Pres. J. A. Monroe, Sec.-Treas.

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS

Jim Brown, a negro, killed another negro named John Lane in Wilmington last Saturday, both were drinking. The murderer is in jail.

Mrs. E. J. Coltrane, of Jones town, and Miss Lucie Kennett will have charge of the canning school demonstrations in Guilford county this summer.

On last Saturday Governor Kitchin pardoned Wil Harris, who was serving a 3-year term for larceny. The man had served two and one half years, and is ill of heart disease.

An Italian immigrant died in Albany, New York, July 1, of Asiatic cholera. All of the man's effects were burned, and the 514 inmates of the house were quarantined.

The United States lighthouse service will at an early date establish two powerful acetylene gas lights on the North Carolina coast. One will be at the mouth of Alligator river, the other at the mouth of Goose creek.

Practically all the express companies in America, including the Southern, are to be subjected to a searching investigation by the interstate commerce commission. Many of the companies have reduced their rates to take effect August 1.

Harry N. Atwood performed the most daring feat in the history of American aviation last Saturday, when he circled the Singer tower and dodged in and out among the skyscrapers of New York, toy-

ing with death for three hours. Mr. T. J. Rhodes, of Summerfield, Guilford county, died last week, aged 70 years.