

WASHINGTON LETTER

Taft and Aldrich-Progressives Lose Ground—Facts About Steel Trust.

By Clyde H. Fawcett, Special Washington Correspondent of The Courier. Washington, July 10.—President Taft will be opposed by progressive Republicans for a re-nomination on the ground that he is still the mouth-piece of Aldrich and the great law-defying industrial corporations of the country.

Died

Mr. Abner Farlow, of New Market, died suddenly last Saturday about three hours after noon. The burial was at New Market Sunday.

Died in Georgia

News comes from White Plains, Georgia, of the death of Mr. Henry H. Slack, formerly of Franklinville. Mr. Slack leaves a brother, Mr. T. H. Slack living in Franklinville, and a sister, Mrs. Ruth Murdock, of Lassiter. A more lengthy sketch will appear in next week's Courier.

Murder Suspects

Edgsha and David Guter, two young white men were arrested in Greensboro last Monday morning charged with the murder of Bill Frazier in Chatham County, six years ago. The two men and another brother, implicated in the case, but who has recently died, have been living in Mayberry, West Virginia under an assumed name.

Both the Guters and Frazier had the reputation of moonshiners and toughs in Chatham County.

Educational Institution for Star

The Carolina Collegiate Institute is the name of a school for higher education soon to be established at Star North Carolina. The school will to some extent be under the control of the Congregational Church. Prof. E. F. Green, of Greenville South Carolina, will be president of the institution.

The nomination again they will make an attempt to reorganize the Republican party.

Progressives Lose Ground.

When it is too late some of the Republican insurgents in the United States senate who are opposing reciprocity may learn that they are committing one of those huge political blunders that have been described as worse than crimes.

Real Revisions Downward.

The wool bill, passed by the Democratic House but not acted upon as yet in the Republican senate, reduces the tax on cloth out of which the poor man's clothing is made, from 160 per cent to from 25 to 40 per cent; on women's dress goods from 150 per cent to from 30 to 45 per cent, and on blankets from 160 per cent to 30 per cent.

Facts About Steel Trust.

The restriction of competition, which is in violation of the law, was the prime object of the organizers of the United States Steel corporation, according to information which has recently come to light in Washington. When formed, the steel trust had property valued at \$683,000,000. But it was capitalized at \$1,402,000,000. Of the capital stock, \$720,000,000, or more than half, was water. Three partners of J. P. Morgan advanced \$28,000,000 to finance the trust and received stock worth \$90,500,000. The average rate of profit from 1901 to 1910 on the corporation's actual investment was 12 per cent. Although this combine is in existence in plain violation of the law, the Taft administration refused to prosecute it.

The man who permitted the exchange of vital government secrets in order that the illegal trust could increase its dividends was Philander C. Knox, now secretary of state. Mr. Knox helped organize the steel trust and went from the position of steel trust attorney to that of United States attorney General.

The Fourth at Star

More than two thousand people celebrated the glorious fourth at Star. The procession joined in by numbers of citizens in gayly decorated carriages and floats was quite a brilliant and spectacular affair. The prize offered for the most handsomely decorated vehicle in the procession was awarded to Mrs. Cora Bennett, of Star. The principal address of the day was by Prof. Edward F. Green, of Greenville, South Carolina. Prof. Green is to be president of the Carolina Collegiate Institute which will be opened at Star in a few months. Other features of the day were pole climbing, and catching the presay pig, which sports were engaged in by several people. There was also a game of ball between Star and Troy in the afternoon, Troy winning by a score of 17 to 5. Throughout the day, music was furnished by the Troy brass band.

Hot Wave Continues

One of the fiercest heat waves of recent years held a large part of the country in its grasp last week. Friday night and Saturday the weather in many places seemed slightly cooler, but Sunday and Monday of this week, the mercury again soared upward. During last week, there were 150 deaths from heat in New York City, 89 in Philadelphia, and scores in Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Baltimore Boston and other cities. Besides deaths, there were many prostrations. The suffering of the children in the crowded tenements of the large cities was fearful. The thermometer registered 100 degrees in Richmond Virginia, last Friday, the warmest weather experienced in the city since 1900 and making this the hottest July on record. A temperature of 95 degrees was registered in Washington City the same day, and on last Sunday 50 persons, 20 of them women, were driven insane by the fierce heat in the capital city.

Reunion At Wilmington

Headquarters North Carolina Division, United Confederate Veterans. Durham, N. C., June 24th, 1911. General Orders No. 44. Paragraph 1. The commander of the North Carolina Division of the United Confederate Veterans has the pleasure of announcing that the next annual reunion of this division will be held in the city of Wilmington on the 2nd and 3rd days of August, 1911, in accordance with the invitation extended and accepted at our last reunion. Our comrades and other public spirited and hospitable citizens of our "City by the Sea" are determined to make this reunion one of the pleasantest ever held in this state, and they will give a warm and hearty welcome to all veterans who may attend.

Par. 2. Wilmington has long been famous for its generous and refined hospitality, and at no city in the South is the memory of the Confederate soldier more tenderly and fondly cherished. An interesting programme is being prepared for the occasion and everything possible will be done for the comfort and pleasure of all veterans who attend. Veterans who are unable to pay for their meals and lodging will be cared for free, if they will, no later than two weeks before the reunion, notify Adjutant L. L. on at Wilmington, so that accommodations may be provided for them. This is important and must not be neglected by any veteran who wishes free accommodations.

Par. 3. Application has been made to the railroads for the usual low rate of one-cent a mile, and the exact fare from any station may be learned by inquiring of the local agent.

Par. 4. The annual election of the division and brigade commanders will be held on the first day of the reunion, as heretofore, and only those camps will be allowed to vote which have been reported by Gen. Mickle as having paid their dues. By order of Major-General J. S. Carr. H. A. Dondon, Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff.

The Virginia Carolina Chemical Company is preparing to erect an immense fertilizer plant at Wadesboro.

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS

Mrs. Margaret T. Fleming, of Rowan County, died last week in the 98th year of her age.

The long drought was broken in Salisbury last Saturday, when one and a fifth inches of rain fell in 20 minutes.

The latest reports on Fourth of July casualties this year place the number of dead at 38 and the injured at 1,217.

A terrific storm at Wheeling, West Virginia last Saturday resulted in two deaths and the wrecking of five motor boats on the Ohio River.

Mr. Richard S. Harris, father of Editor Wade H. Harris, of the Charlotte Chronicle, died at his home in Concord last Thursday at the age of 76.

Thirty one applicants from Page's School of Pharmacy at Greensboro are to be examined at the annual session convened at Moorehead City this week.

On last Saturday, a child's body in a bad state of decomposition was found buried in an out-of-way place in the suburbs of Greensboro. The circumstances point to a case of infanticide.

Twenty or more passengers and sailors lost their lives in the surf last Friday while trying to escape from the stranded ship Santa Rosa near Point Arguello, California.

Ex-Governor D. S. Dickerson of Nevada, has been arrested on a felony charge in connection with the failure of a bank, of which he was the leading director.

Turner Smith, a young white man of Raleigh is held under a \$1,000 bond for attempted criminal assault on Miss Lillian Whitson, a sixteen year old girl of good reputation.

Another case of Asiatic cholera was brought into the New York Port last Friday on an ocean liner. The victim was a steerage passenger. All the crew and steerage passengers were detained for observation by the health officer.

William R. Oswald, of Chicago, and Mrs. Nellie L. Oswald were remarried recently. They were divorced twenty years ago after a quarrel over naming their newly born son. The son who caused the troubled marriage's reconciliation.—Exchange.

The Fairview Supply Company, of North Winston, was robbed of \$500 or \$600 worth of merchandise last Friday night. Sid Chandler and Charlie Spurgeon, white men are in jail charged with the crime.

Dave Truelove and a tenant named Daniel Smith engaged in a shot gun duel three miles from Dunn one day last week, both sustaining slight injuries. The trouble arose about Truelove's stock getting into Smith's crop.

Luico Satterfield, a carpenter, 33 years of age, was killed near his home in Winston-Salem last Saturday night by an incoming passenger train. The man was lying by the railroad with his head on the track and is supposed to have been asleep. A half-pint whiskey bottle was found on his person.

The Albemarle Enterprise in last week's issue gives the following item of news:

Dr. J. Clegg Hall was called Saturday to Uwharrie, to attend the burial of his aunt Mrs. P. Hall, whose death occurred Friday, she having died of cancer. An only son of Mrs. Hall—John P. Hall, of Oklahoma—who was present at the funeral, is now very ill.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has issued an order that an appropriation \$4,000,000 made by the last session of Congress be used to increase the salaries of Uncle Sam's 40,000 rural free delivery carriers. This will mean an increase of from \$900 to \$1,000 on all standard routes with a proportionate increase on shorter routes. The rural delivery system was started fifteen years ago with 83 carriers, who were paid only \$200 a year. On July 1 there were 11,583 carriers, their aggregate salaries being \$35,793,000.

COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

To be Held in Asheboro August 17-18—Plans for Entertaining Delegates.

The Executive Committee of the county Sunday School Association is preparing a most interesting and helpful program for the county Convention, which will be held in Asheboro, on the 17th and 18th of August. The committee is in communication with some of the best Sunday School workers in the state, and it is hoped that at least three speakers will be secured. Prof. J. M. Way, former President of the work in this county has promised to attend. Mr. Way is well known in the county, and having been engaged in this work exclusively for the past four years, he is an authority on Sunday School matters. The Sunday School workers of the county will be glad to have him present in the convention.

As the increased and still increasing interest in Sunday School work in Randolph make the attendance at the county Convention larger and larger each year, it becomes necessary to limit the delegation, there being no towns in the county large enough to accommodate the crowds that are interested enough to attend. The following plan of limitation has been adopted. All county officers, all the presidents and secretaries of the township association, and all superintendents of schools are official delegates, but since all these will probably not attend it is necessary for those who expect to attend to send their names to Miss Berta Ellison, Franklinville, N. C., and she will place the names in the hats of the local entertainment committee. In addition to the above, every school is entitled to one delegate, and it is earnestly requested that all the schools will elect their delegates at once and send their names to Miss Ellison.

Every delegate, upon being assigned a home, will pay a registration fee of twenty five cents, which will go toward defraying the expenses connected with such a meeting. All delegates will receive free entertainment by the people of Asheboro.

Any Sunday School organization may send as many visitors as they desire. All will be welcome to the sessions of the Convention, and the local committee will assist them in securing boarding places.

Delegates must be appointed beforehand, and their names sent to the County Secretary, Miss Berta Ellison, if they wish homes provided for them. She will mail to each one whose name is sent a card which is to be presented to the Entertainment Committee upon assignment of a home. Send them as soon as possible, but have them in the Secretary's hands at least a week before the Convention meets. This is a small favor to ask, but it means a great help to those who are trying to perfect arrangements, so that everything may be ready.

All Township Officers who have not held their Conventions are requested to do so at once. They should be held in time for reports to be in the hands of the Secretary at least two weeks before the Convention meets, and the amounts sent by check, money order, or registered mail as soon as possible after receiving them.

The program will be announced as soon as all the speakers have been secured.

County Sunday School Convention

A right royal welcome is that Asheboro will give the Sunday school workers and delegates at Asheboro next week. The people of Asheboro will be expected to entertain those who come, to our town as our guests, and a delightful entertainment we hope to make it on Monday and Tuesday of next week. The town will be filled with people from every part of the county and arrangements will be made to care for all who come. It is to be hoped that there will be a full delegation from every Sunday School in the county.

Welcome to one and all while within our gates. Every thing will be done to help make the stay as pleasant as possible.

The postoffice at Thomasville has been advanced to the second class. During the past year, the receipts of this office were more than eight thousand dollars.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

County Superintendent Lassiter Gives Condition of Randolph School.

Value of all school property \$65575; \$62250 is white school property and \$3325 Col.

Five new houses have been built within the year at a cost of \$3000.000.

There are 100 white districts and 20 Col. making two less than last year due to consolidation. Only two districts in the County have no house, one white and one Col.

There were 117 schools taught in the County last year not counting City schools. 98 white and 19 colored, 76 of these white districts have only one teacher, and 18 of the colored, 23 schools of the county have two or more teachers. There are six public schools in which high school subjects were taught.

The average term of school in the County was nearly four and one half months.

There are now 38 rural libraries with over 4000 volumes. Six original and six supplementary libraries were added last year which is our full quota, but two others have been subscribed for.

There are now 35 rural special tax districts with a special tax amounting to over \$7000.00. Six local tax districts voted for special school tax during the past year.

The rural census is 7500 white and 1395 colored, while the enrollment was 6056 white and 1003 colored.

The average attendance was about 70 per cent of the enrollment for whites and a little less than 60 per cent for the colored, 94 white teachers held first grade certificates and 8 colored 36 whites held second grade and 12 colored. Only one third grade teachers taught in the county.

36 white teachers have had normal training either a complete course or in part, and 16 colored, 49 white teachers have had four or more years experience and 13 colored, 5 teachers held College diplomas not counting high school principals.

The number enrolled in the different grades is as follows: First 1698; second 789; third 756; fourth 784; fifth 787; sixth 735; seventh 393; eighth grade and higher 114.

For Clean Shows

Col. Joseph E. Pogue, Secretary of the North Carolina State Fair announces that at the Fair this year he proposes more than ever before to try to keep out unworthy shows, and the executive committee has officially gone on record as desiring only amusements of a high class.

Col. Pogue, in a recent issue of the Bill Board says:

"The Fair midway has come to stay, but not as formerly—win its rag fronts and its offensive, vulgar platform exhibitions. In former years, Fair managers were always ready and apparently happy to book their midway aggregations—such as can, making promiscuous amusements—good bad and indifferent—all in a jumble. But times have undergone great changes, and the public taste in these matters has followed suit.

A shrewd, wide-awake manager will be quick to interpret the demands of the people, as the hour has struck for high-class display of clean and up-to-date exhibitions, both free and paid. They must be made to harmonize with advancing civilization. Everywhere and in every phase of public and private life in this great Christian land of ours, the signs of the times point with unerring certainty to a widespread revolution in the public mind as to the character and quality of public amusement of whatever kind and wherever given.

It is now the exception and not the rule, that all offensive, immoral or questionable shows or exhibitions, as well as gambling of every species, are not absolutely prohibited by the most stringent regulation of the local management in obedience to the universally enlightened state of the public mind.

The old-time medley of 'bum' shows with rag fronts and dirty female ballyhoo platform spiels and barkers are being relegated to oblivion, to be rapidly succeeded by that which is clean, meritorious and instructive."