

### WASHINGTON LETTER

#### Big Stick in New Role—President Makes Another Mistake—Other Matters.

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Washington, Sept. 27.—On the tenth day of May, 1902, the government filed a petition for an injunction against the beef trust in the federal court at Chicago. On July 5th, 1911, the packers, after having obtained forty-two delays and postponements in the intervening nine years, again pleaded not guilty, and for the forty-third time their trial was postponed, this time until November 20th of this year.

Every man, woman and child in the country is convinced that the trust operates in violation of the law, both statute and moral, and yet nothing has been accomplished in the alleged campaign to suppress these violations except the disbursement of thousands of dollars in fees for "trust-busting" attorneys.

#### "Big Stick" in New Role.

What the people of Arizona really have to do to obtain satisfaction, is a story that the American people have never fully heard. Information has gone out over the wires from Washington that President Taft will permit Arizona to enter the union by simply striking the "recall of the judiciary" provision from its constitution.

But only when the following facts are grasped:

First, that the people of Arizona by a vote of those who declined in favor of the recall.

Second, that in order to obtain statehood the people of Arizona must go back to the polls and vote against a principle of government which they have already voted in favor of, and which they believe to be right.

By thus coercing the people to vote against a thing which their best judgment tells them to be wise, threatening to withhold from the people unless they vote as the chief executive dictates, rights to which they are justly entitled under the constitution, President Taft has committed himself to an action which is without precedent in the history of the American government.

While this method of forcing the people to vote against their will may be perfectly compatible to the mental workings of an executive with a "judicial temperament" isn't it after all making a farce out of representative government.

#### President Makes Another Mistake

It is difficult to see how President Taft's 13,000 mile swing around the circle can end in anything but a sorry spectacle for himself.

If he tells the people the truth about how he vetoes the honest attempt of both branches of Congress to reduce the high cost of living in this country; how upon taking office he filled his cabinet with men connected with the law-breaking trusts, and how he tried and nearly succeeded in giving Alaska away to the land grabbers, he will discredit himself.

If Mr. Taft juggles in the facts in the slightest degree, the Legislatures, "swinging along in his trail," will point out his misrepresentations with such truth and logic that the President will be more disgraced than if he had remained at home.

#### Shoddy Woolens

The wool trust's practice of cheapening the quality of its products while at the same time maintaining prices at the highest level ever known has drawn the fire of the medical journals all over the country. Through these journals the physicians of the nation are protesting against the lack of warm and enduring underclothing, a fact to which they attribute the spread of many injurious diseases. Women and children suffer most from this form of greed. The medical journals are demanding a repeal of the high duties amounting to 100 per cent on the commoner grades of wool recognizing in these duties the source of the evil of which they complain.

#### See Taft's Defeat.

"President Taft has declined a chance to greatly cheapen the cost of clothing, wire, etc; and in so doing has defended what he said was indefensible. The president's veto of the tariff bill will make it difficult for him to be renominated."

This is an extract from the weekly market letter of the New

### Prominent Winston Man a Suicide.

Winston-Salem, Sept. 25.—Thos. Brown, for 30 years a prominent man in the business affairs of the Twin City, was found in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple this afternoon at 1:31 o'clock, dead by his own hand with a bullet wound from a 22-caliber revolver over his right ear.

In front of the dead man stood the altar of the lodge rooms and on top of it a Bible, open at the 12th chapter of Psalms. In one of his pockets was a note written with a lead pencil in the writing of the deceased. This note was a prayer for his wife and two daughters to meet him in heaven, and giving as cause for his act that he could see no use of trying to fight it out. He requested an undertaker to bury him in his wedding suit and wanted Dr. Brown to preach the funeral.

The body was found by the janitor of the building and left untouched until the coroner came. There was no need for an inquest, as the note and revolver told the story plainly. Poor health and despondency are given as the cause for the deed, as he was a man of exemplary life and numbered his friends by the hundreds.

### Ex-Treasurer in Trouble

In a raid on the stock investment offices of Jared Flagg at New York last Saturday, Flagg and seven others, one of whom was former United States Treasurer Daniel N. Morgan, of Bridgeport, Conn., were arrested on a charge of fraudulently using the mails in a species of endless chain schemes to defraud investors. The prisoners, being unable to furnish bail, were locked up in the Tombs.

### Tar Heel Honored

The American Life Convention in session at Pittsburg last week elected P. D. Gold, Jr., of Raleigh, N. C., president. Mr. Gold has been first vice-president of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company for several years. He is a son of Elder P. D. Gold, of Wilson, and is about 35 years of age.

The American Life Convention is composed of seventy eight of the legal reserve old line companies located throughout the United States. The combined assets of the companies represented in the convention aggregate \$127,000,000 and insurance in force is over \$1,000,000,000.

### Dying Man Puts up Fight

A Dispatch from Atlanta, Ga., of September 23, says:

W. H. Johnson, mayor of Oakhurst, a suburb of Atlanta, was beaten to death with a saw filing this evening by T. W. Zuber after the latter had been shot and mortally wounded by Johnson. Zuber was rushed in a Atlanta for medical attention, while Johnson died at his home in about fifteen minutes after the fight.

The dispute, it is stated, grew out of a small oil which Zuber claimed Johnson owed him.

York Consolidated Stock Exchange firm of W. W. Erwin and Co. It shows that the New York business interests and Wall street have concluded that Taft cannot be re-elected and are preparing to throw him over.

### Suggestion for an Article.

In the September Columbia Magazine Senator Bristow, of Kansas, tells "How the Interests Control America," and while this is an interesting exposure and one that everybody reads, Senator Bristow could please a great many people by writing another article next month on "How I block Direct Election of Senators by the People With an Amendment Which I Knew Would Kill the Bill."

### An Excuse Only.

When the standpat Republicans gave as their excuse for opposing the Underwood-LaFollette revision downward wool bill, the fact that the tariff board had not reported, they were only bluffing. The very man who set up that excuse bitterly opposed the creation of the tariff board in the first place, and will prove their inconsistency again by being the first ones to raise their voice in an attack on that board to prevent tariff reduction when Congress comes to consider it again.

### AIRSHIP FOR FAIR

#### Aviator Stroebel to Furnish Flights Every Day and Night of Fair

On every day of the Randolph Agricultural Fair there will be two airship flights. Every night there will be an additional flight. This was determined last week at a meeting of the business men of Asheboro to consider the advisability of such a move. Terms submitted by Charles J. Stroebel, aviator, were accepted and the airship used will be the one now flying at the Appalachian Exposition in Knoxville, Tenn., and which will be the feature of the Virginia State Fair this fall.

Aviator Stroebel has several airships, and may during the course of his employ.

His price for the week, \$800 00, was promptly accepted and more than half the sum is pledged by the attending the meeting Wednesday night of last week. Since that time others have come forward with aid and by the end of the week it is confidently expected to have raised the entire amount.

Work on the fair grounds, which include the lot of the old Asheboro Furniture Company and adjacent territory to the extent of about five acres, has begun under the direction of Captain Kennedy. The work will be finished in early completion and the floor space for exhibition purposes, something like one and a half acres, will be gotten to readiness in the shortest time possible.

### Two More Murders at Hendersonville

Will Fletcher was found dead on the Southern Railway track at Hendersonville last Saturday and, as in the lake tragedy, officers failed to locate the murderer. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that death was caused by a blunt instrument in the hands of persons unknown.

While Coroner Kirk was listening to the verdict in the Fletcher case, Anna Williams, a colored woman twenty-eight years of age, was almost carving to pieces, Mamie Bridges, another colored girl of seventeen within a block of the office. The Williams woman made no attempt to escape and is now in jail. Her victim has since died.

John Turner, a white man, was found lying unconscious in a pool of his own blood in the public road between Henderson and Guilford Battle Ground last Saturday night. Carver and two other men had been drinking and he remembers a difficulty. The man is expected to recover.

The Greensboro News says, and truthfully, that "There isn't much hope for the boy who needs a job and will not keep it because the work is hard." This kind of boy—and there are too many of his class—will never climb above the first round of the ladder of success.—Salisbury News.

### SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley declares that the health of the nation is worth \$540,000,000,000.

The pictures showing scenes connected with the Beattie case have appeared in Salisbury.

The \$25,000 dormitory for Greensboro Female College is to be begun the first of next year.

It is rumored that Judge W. J. Adams, of Carthage, will at an early date, tender his resignation and return to the practice of law.

Gaston Smith and Al Jones, two white boys have been arrested for the killing of Lacy Hockett near Pomona, September 6.

The Guilford Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy are preparing to erect a monument to the Confederate soldiers of Guilford county.

A horrible story comes from Acala, Mexico, of the crucifying of a resident of that place, the massacre of babies and other barbarities by rebellious Indians.

The commercial organization of Winston-Salem have pledged \$1000 of the necessary \$2000 to complete the Winston-Salem and High Point road.

As a result of a pistol duel with a party of negroes in Desha county, Ark., last Tuesday, Sheriff W. D. Preston, Deputy Sheriff Barney Steel and three of the negroes were killed.

Rev. B. L. Padgett, a Holiness preacher of Atlanta, Ga. has been arrested on the charge of luring from her home at King's Mountain Carrie Stockton, a sixteen-year old girl.

Mrs. E. B. C. Hambley, of Charlotte, has sold the mining property in Montgomery county adjoining the famous Iola mine to Mr. Eli Sheets, of Washington City, for the sum of \$16,000.

Dr. John A. Ferrell, in charge of the hookworm campaign in North Carolina, was elected president of the Southern Conference of Hookworm Forces at Nashville, Tenn., last week.

Mr. L. Scott Allen, formerly assistant land and industrial agent of the Southern Railway died at his home in Washington, D. C., one day last week. Mr. Scott laid off the town of Spencer and had built the first macadam road in Rowan county.

News has reached Mr. Charles M. Griffith, of Thomasville, that his son, Charles M. Griffith, Jr., a student at the State University, was in some way shot through the leg last Monday morning. Particulars were not given, but the wound was said to not be serious.

Aviator Frank H. Miller, of Toledo, was burned to death by an explosion in mid-air at a county fair at Troy, Ohio, last Friday evening. Miller knew his machine was crippled and was unwilling to make the flight, but jeers of the crowd forced him to do so.

Mr. George Pritchard, a son of Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, and Miss Mary Robena Richmond, of Marshall, were married one day last week.

Charles E. Umsted, chief of police of Coatsville, Pa., and Stanley Howe, a policeman, were arrested on the charge of manslaughter in connection with the burning of Zack Walker, a negro murderer near that place August 13th, and two other men were arrested on the charge of murder in the same case last week.

Dr. Vernon Liles Andrews and Miss Lola May Lee, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Alexander Lee, of Mt. Gilead, are to be married October 11th.

Dr. George Wilkins, a prominent dentist of Courtney, Yadkin county, and Mr. D. I. Reavis, a prominent and substantial citizen, were arrested one day last week on the charge of illicit distilling, receiving and concealing blockade whiskey and brandy. Mr. Reavis is the father of the young Lawyer Reavis, a member of the General Assembly.

Gov. Plaisted, of Maine, has appointed Obadiah Gardner, of Rockland, to succeed the late Senator William P. Frye. This gives Maine two Democratic Senators and reduces the Republican majority in the Senate to seven.

### LOVETT-AUMAN

#### Pretty Morning Wedding of Popular Young Couple

Last Thursday morning at the hour of 10:30, the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. Alson Auman in West Asheboro, was the scene of a pretty though simple wedding when their daughter, Miss Esther F. Auman, became the bride of Mr. Marvin Lovett. Only intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties were present. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march played by Miss Marion Moring, the young couple entered the tastefully decorated parlor, where they were met by Rev. C. A. Wood, who used the beautiful ring ceremony of the M. E. Church to make them one.

After receiving the congratulations of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lovett left on the 11:30 train for the "Land of the Sky" to spend several days.

Mr. Lovett is a successful young business man, assistant Superintendent of the Acme Hosiery Mills. Mrs. Lovett is one of Asheboro's most popular daughters. She has been for some time, one of the town's leading milliners. A large circle of friends wish for the young couple much joy along the journey of life.

### RIBBONS AND WINNERS.

High Watermarks to Be Established—Preparatory for Great Crowds—To Be a Big Exposition

Agriculture has come to the front and is carrying the flag.

There will be more exhibits at the Big Fair in Asheboro October 31 to November 4, than were ever seen at a fair in this section of the State.

Everything will be in order the first day. The overflow exhibits will be cared for in tents or nearby buildings.

Farmers realize the good that would result in having the boys from the farm attend the fair.

Sunday schools, day schools are being encouraged to attend by the wide-awake farmers of the county.

The fair grounds will present a beautiful picture.

#### Schools Interested.

Since agriculture is to be taught in the public schools the teachers are taking great interest.

The Educational Day, Wednesday, November 1st, is to be one of the features of the week. Details and programme for the day will be duly announced.

#### Ladies' Day.

One of the features of the fair will be the day set apart for women. The value of the fair and home coming work to the ladies cannot be overestimated.

Home is not only a place for a man to eat, sleep and wash, but it should be "Home, Sweet Home," in every sense of the word. Sweet-heart, wife and mother should not be kept at home. They will enjoy and get as much good from the fair as anyone.

### Reciprocity Dead Issue Now

"I do not believe anything will be done in the next Congress over the proposition of Canadian reciprocity," said Chairman Underwood, of the House Ways and Means Committee, when asked what proposition would be made on the matter at the next session.

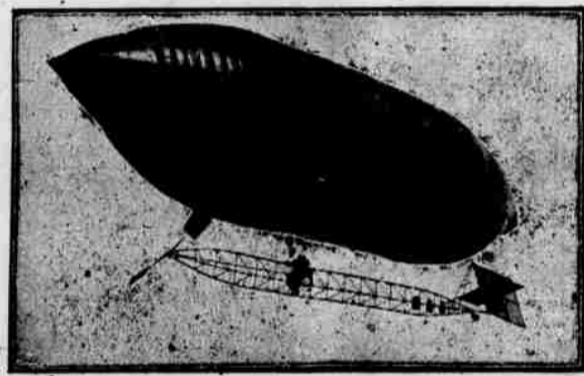
"The reciprocity act could hardly come into Congress until the governments make negotiations, and this not being possible now, I do not believe there will be anything said or done."

### Canada Rejects Reciprocity

In the Canadian election held last Thursday, reciprocity and the Liberal party suffered overwhelming defeat. Sir Wilfred Laurier, who for almost twenty years, has directed the destinies of Dominion, will be succeeded as prime minister by Robert L. Borden, the leader of the Conservative party.

The Civic League of Maine has given out that an error of 165 votes in one case alone was made by a clerk and the official decision will be in favor of retention of prohibition in the constitution.

## Airship to be used in flights of fair by Aviator Parker



### Shooting Near Seagrove.

As Rev. R. L. Jordan was driving along in the public highway near Seagrove, last Saturday, he passed the fields of Cummins King, in which King's son Bascom was picking cotton. After Jordan had passed by without a word, being exchanged between the two, King fired at him with a shot gun from behind, several shots piercing the skin, but not making dangerous wounds. A doctor was called, and succeeded in getting out all the shot except one in Mr. Jordan's head.

Rev. Mr. Jordan has been very active in opposing illicit distilling, and selling of whiskey in his community. A few months ago, he prosecuted Cummins King for connection with a blind tiger.

### Sold Borrowed Horse

Arthur Winslow, a fifteen-year old boy of Tabernacle township, came to Asheboro last Monday and sold to Mr. E. G. Morris for 15 dollars a horse worth about 75 dollars. The boy remained in town that night and left the next day without arousing suspicion. In the meantime, Mr. Morris sold the horse to Messrs. J. A. Hötter and Chas. Williams.

On Tuesday, however, Mr. J. D. Royals, also of Tabernacle township, arrived in Asheboro searching for a lost horse, and it soon developed that the horse sold by the Winslow boy had been borrowed from Mr. Royals on Monday morning pretendingly to do some farm work. A warrant was sworn out, officers went in search of the boy, and captured him about three miles below Franklinville. He was brought to town and lodged in jail Tuesday night, but was released yesterday on a \$100 bond.

### Who Can be Admitted Free to the Fair

Many people are asking the question, "If I put on exhibit in the Fair can I go in free?"

Yes, if you exhibit anything that is at all meritorious, you will be admitted to the Fair one day free of charge, and if the exhibit demands your attention you will be passed in and out on an exhibitors ticket, but no complimentary tickets will be issued, and you must exhibit if you get in free.

Geo. R. Ross, Sec.

### Wreck Saturday Night

As the incoming train from High Point started to go around the "Y" last Saturday night, a defective switch caused the engine to turn over on one side, and the train came near jumping the track. No one was seriously injured, though Engineer Albright and Fireman Lloyd had narrow escapes by jumping from the engine as it turned over. Mr. Albright was bruised to some extent, and Mr. John Bulla, a passenger on the train, was somewhat shaken up by the sudden stop. Other passengers were only frightened by the real danger they had encountered.

When the engine was ditched the whistle became caught in such a way that it began shrieking like the fire alarm, and both hose companies rushed to the scene and began throwing water on the near-by plant of the Home Building & Material Company.

The families of the train men learned of the wreck and rushed down to the track fearing for their loved ones. Hundreds of people were soon on the scene and for a short while, wild excitement prevailed.

A movement is on foot in Darham county for a county fair next year.