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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The New York and Ohio Campaign.
[Special Correspondent of The Democrat.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 19.—Under the pretense of trying to secure honest elections, the republican committee in New York have placed five hundred men, whom they call private detectives, around the different lodging houses. The pretense is that these men are to watch and keep off illegal registrations. The actual fact is that they are put there to register themselves and vote the republican ticket.

It is finally announced that Secretary Blaine will return to Washington about the first week in November and resume his duties at the State department.

Candidate Fassett declined to meet the silver tongued Grady on the stump to discuss questions of a political nature with him. Candidate Fassett is wise in this. He has made so many mis-statements, which have been proven to be mis-statements, that it would not be well for him to run up against a well informed politician such as ex-Senator Grady is.

The Union Pacific railway reports its net profits in the month of June to be \$1,436,201 and for the eight months up to August 31st its net earnings were \$8,344,525. It is a singular fact that, while these earnings are reported, the managers of the Union Pacific say that it is utterly impossible for them to pay the debt they owe the government in less than twenty-five years.

The cruiser Atlanta, one of the vessels started and contracted for by Secretary Whitney, was sent out from New York to relieve the Despatch, which was reported to be wrecked on the Jersey coast. The Atlanta has returned to New York and the captain reports that they were in the most terrific storm that he had ever seen and that the Atlanta proved herself to be a most seaworthy vessel. There was no structural weakness about her as there was about the Dolphin.

Senator Sherman, ex-Governor Foraker and Major McKinley all addressed a meeting in Ohio, taking the whole day for the work. The fact that such men are continually upon the stand, for McKinley has made from one to two speeches every week day since he was nominated, while Sherman and Foraker for some weeks past have been devoting themselves to the work, is evidence enough that the republicans do not consider that they have any walk-over in Ohio. Jerry Simpson, who has been traveling in the State, says that the farmers' vote with the people's party vote will be, he thinks, 150,000. Other people estimate it at 50,000 with the prohibition vote at 15,000. Anything in approach to the votes as the smallest figures given here will give Major McKinley the privilege of becoming a private citizen for some time to come.

It is very unfortunate for poor Ireland that even the death of Parnell did not allay the factional fight in the country. The Parnellites refuse to affiliate on any terms with the anti-Parnellites and are making it impossible for any union in the future. It is certain that one or the other factions must be beaten out of the field. Dillon and O'Brien have spoken in the kindest terms of Parnell but have been finally forced to show up some facts in their own defense that do not speak well for his followers. Healy and the more hot-headed of the anti-Parnellites are doing just as the Parnellites have done; everything to widen the breach.

Echoes of the Wreck.

Sui's have been begun in this country against the Richmond and Danville company by parties who received injuries in the wreck near Statesville for damages amounting to over \$100,000. The larger portion of the bar of this city is engaged.

PORT ROYAL TO KNOXVILLE.

Through Macon, Swain and Graham Counties.

THE DEMOCRAT has heretofore mentioned the line of railroad proposed above. Our friends in the counties of Macon, Swain and Graham are still at work upon it, endeavoring to enlist the active co-operation and assistance of people along the line between Knoxville and Port Royal. Dr. C. D. Smith, of Macon, recently visited Knoxville and addressed the Chamber of Commerce of that city in the interest of the line. We copy from the Knoxville Tribune the following report of the proceedings, which is most encouraging:

Last night's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was in its quarters in the Minnis block, and it was the general meeting. A large number of members were present when President Ross called for order.

Before the regular order of business was taken up, Alderman Aiken introduced Dr. Smith, of Franklin, Macon county, N. C., to the audience with the statement that the doctor had something important to say concerning a new railroad.

Dr. Smith began his remarks by saying that Knoxville was the center of a section 500 miles long by 200 miles wide that was richer in minerals and timber of all kinds than any similar section in the world.

The question that had long troubled the minds of men of progress was how to get this natural wealth to the markets of the world at the least possible cost, and he had a plan by which not only this wealth but the product of a vast agricultural region could be opened and Knoxville would get the largest percent of the profit. That was to build a railroad from Knoxville to Port Royal, on the Atlantic coast in South Carolina.

The harbor at Port Royal was acknowledged to be the best deep water harbor on the Atlantic coast.

The road would take a southeasterly direction, passing through Franklin, N. C., to Rabun Gap in the Blue Ridge mountains, thence to Clayton, Ga., thence to Anderson Court House, S. C., thence to Barnwell and on to the coast at Port Royal.

This road could be built with a lesser grade than any other through the mountains. The rights-of-way could be easily obtained. It would be an independent road and touch a country heretofore undeveloped, save by the farmer. Mountains whose sides and crests are covered with the finest of timber known to the manufacturing world would then be easy of access, and mines of the finest iron ores would be brought to the notice of the public.

The speaker represented three companies already organized in the States of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina for the construction of the road, and for which various counties along the route had voted liberal subscriptions. His plan was to get the business men of Knoxville interested, secure a charter from the State of Tennessee for that portion of the road leading from here to the North Carolina State line and consolidate into one company and begin the construction of the line.

In his exploration of the route, the speaker had seen logs piled to parties in Liverpool, London and Germany awaiting a tedious delay of months for transportation. After giving further details of the scheme, Dr. Smith thanked his hearers for their attention and took his seat.

Hon. W. L. Ledgerwood followed and spoke of the railroad as contemplated by Dr. Smith. He said he came from Chattanooga to Knoxville some time ago with a railroad contractor who spoke of this same plan and its feasibility, and its grand results for Knoxville if it should ever be built, for Port Royal was at no distant day destined to be a coaling station for the great steamers between New York and South America, and not only this, it would open the ports of all foreign countries to manufacturers of this section. He then offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Knoxville, have heard with pleasure the address of Dr. Smith, on the subject of building a railroad from the city of Knoxville to Port Royal.

Be it further resolved, that the president of this Chamber appoint a committee of three members of this Chamber for the purpose of conferring with Dr. Smith concerning the proposed railroad and that they set forth their action to the next meeting of this chamber.

Among other things Mr. Ledgerwood stated that the contractor told him he had heard the plan talked over by leading railroad builders in Chicago.

United States Appellate Courts.

One of the new United States Courts of Appeals began its sittings in Chicago on Monday. The members of the court are Justice Harlan of the Supreme Court, Judge Gresham of the Circuit Court and Judge Blodgett of the District Court, all of whom wore black silk gowns, after the practice of the Supreme Bench. Judge Blodgett was called to sit in the new court in lieu of the extra circuit judge provided for by Congress, but not yet appointed. The courts of appeals were created by act of Congress approved March 3, 1891. There is one court for each of the nine judicial circuits, to sit in the following cities: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Richmond, New Orleans, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco.

The appellate jurisdiction of the circuits is abolished, and appeals from the District and Circuit courts direct to the Supreme court are to be taken only in certain specified cases, the object being to relieve the Supreme court of the rapid accumulation of business. The chief justice and the associate justices of the Supreme court assigned to each circuit, and the circuit judges within each circuit, and the several district judges within each circuit are competent to sit as judges of the Circuit Court of Appeals within their own respective circuits.

THE Y. M. C. A.

What They Will do During the Winter.

The Young Men's Christian Association has just published a very attractive pamphlet entitled "It Pays," which shows the winter plans of the Association and the privileges offered to members. Among these are a gymnasium, with class drills each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening at 8.30 o'clock, bath rooms with tub and shower baths, evening classes in penmanship and bookkeeping on Monday and Friday evenings, a course of medical talks, practical talks, a star course of concerts and entertainments during the winter, and occasional social receptions. In addition are the reading room, library and social room to which strangers are particularly invited. The pamphlet can be obtained at the rooms of the Association, where the terms of membership and other particulars will be cheerfully given.

The Blue Ridge Conference of the M. E. Church.

This body convened at this city yesterday at their church, corner of Haywood and Buttrick streets. Bishop Warren, one of the ablest divines in the church, presides. He will be remembered here by many older residents, having visited Asheville some years ago and preached to the great edification of all. The conference is a fine looking body, and we trust their stay in our city may be both pleasant to them and profitable to the cause for which they labor.

Left in Good Time.

[For The Democrat.]

BARNARDVILLE, N. C., Oct. 19, 1891. EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—Our base ball team and Mars Hill boys played another match game last Saturday, and at the 7th inning Barnardsville boys were 13 to 7, when Wm. Amos, the selected umpire, was by some means called away.

Doc ROBERTS.

WEAVERVILLE DUMMY LINE.

Meeting of the Stockholders.

In accordance with the call published in the DEMOCRAT, the stockholders of the Weaverline Dummy Railroad Company met in Dr. J. A. Reagan's office, Weaverline, on Saturday 17th inst., for the purpose of perfecting the organization and taking such steps as should be necessary to carry out the objects of the company, viz: To construct a dummy line railway from Asheville to Weaverline.

The stockholders present were: W. E. Weaver, J. A. Reagan, R. P. Brittain, J. W. Vandiver, D. H. Reagan and J. R. Dubose.

On motion J. R. Dubose was called to the chair and Dr. Reagan was made secretary.

On motion the stockholders proceeded to elect directors as follows: J. R. Dubose, R. L. Coleman, J. A. Reagan, H. B. Carter and D. L. Reynolds.

On motion each director was requested to procure as much subscriptions to stock as possible at an early date.

Messrs. J. A. Reagan, W. E. Weaver and T. Coleman were appointed a committee to draft by-laws for the government of the company. On motion the stockholders' meeting adjourned.

A number of citizens who were not stockholders were at the meeting and all evinced a determination to do everything possible to secure the early construction of the line. About \$10,000 was subscribed by these good people, and they expect Asheville to help them substantially, as it ought certainly to do. That section of our county is rapidly building up and improving, and with this line trade which now seeks other markets would be brought here. A splendid line can be secured with very light grades, and we believe will pay when built. Let us all help our enterprising neighbors.

Col. Alex. McClure.

This distinguished gentleman and journalist, editor of that great paper the Philadelphia Times, with his wife and a party of friends reached Asheville Saturday evening for a few days stay at Kenilworth Inn. Upon learning of his coming, upon suggestion of Capt. Atkinson, the mayor and aldermen with a number of our citizens tendered him a banquet at the Inn Saturday night, and a most enjoyable occasion it was. His Honor Major Breese, of Kenilworth, presided at the feast, and in a few well chosen remarks welcomed the distinguished guest and called on Mr. Thos. R. Kansom, who with an eloquence of a high order, welcomed Mr. McClure to Asheville. This was replied to by Mr. McClure in a short talk, expressing pleasure at meeting the people of this section and assuring them of his great admiration of the South.

Other elegant addresses were made in response to toasts by Col. Reuben McBrayer, Capt. Natt Atkinson and Mr. J. P. Kerr, of the Citizen, and Gen. Clingman. All the speeches were very excellent and much enjoyed. The menu, prepared by Dr. Browning, was very elegant, as everything connected with the Inn is.

With Mr. McClure were Mrs. McClure, Misses Tyson, Scott and Cheston, of Philadelphia, and Miss Lee, of Lexington, Va. They left Monday for Raleigh, and carried with them the most pleasant impressions of our city and people.

The great Dr. Boerhaave left three directions for preserving the health—keep the feet warm, the head cool, and the bowels open. Had he practised in our day, he might have added: and purify the blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla; for he certainly would consider it the best.

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