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ILLINOIS BACKS SHERMAN—MANN IS DARK HORSE

Congressman Abandons Republican Contest—Might be Compromise Candidate; Wisconsin's Battle.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 26.—One of the presidential surprises of the year has been the way the Republican situation has worked out in Illinois. At the outset, every indication was for a bitter political duel between Senator Sherman and Congressman Jas. R. Mann. Each was an active candidate for the presidency, and each had sufficient influential friends to make the most strenuous kind of a contest. For a time there was every sign of a pitched battle between the two forces. Both the Mann army and the Sherman army had selected its commanders, and the former was to have as general Congressman McKinley, who managed the anti-convention contest for Taft in 1912. But just as the people of Illinois were awaiting the beginning of the battle, and expecting each day and hour to hear the sound of political cannonading, there came the announcement that Mann would make no contest for control of the Illinois delegation to the National Convention, but would leave the field entirely to his Senatorial rival.

Mann as "Dark Horse."

The reason for this sudden shift in the situation was two-fold. In the first place, the Mann people, after a careful counting of political noses, came to the conclusion Senator Sherman could secure a majority of the Illinois delegates. But arduous work by the Mann forces this majority could be kept to very small proportions, but at the same time, it would be a majority, and therefore Mann could not go into the convention with the indorsement of his own State. The other reason for the withdrawal was the fact that Mann's friends decided his best chance to get the Republican presidential nomination was as a "dark horse," or compromise candidate. They figured that, in the event of a long-drawn out contest in the convention of next year, he would have an excellent chance for securing the nomination. His long service in Congress and his leadership of the Republican side of the House have given him many friends in different States, so he will have a nucleus of support in all of the important State delegations. This would be of great value when it came to selecting a candidate to end a long contest.

Furthermore, if the next House is Republican, as it surely will be if a Republican President is elected, Mann will be Speaker, and without opposition by the Republican side, unless present conditions change. There was a year on the part of his friends that if he went into a fight for Presidential delegates, which would necessarily be bitter in his own State and perhaps in some others also, he might succeed in stepping on a number of political toes, and so arouse opposition to him for the Speakership. So, all things considered, it seemed best for him not to be an active candidate at this time.

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This does not signify by any means, however, that the Mann Presidential hope is extinguished, or that either he or his friends no longer give the idea consideration. The fact that another man from Illinois will get the indorsement from this State will not put him out of the running, provided certain circumstances and conditions arise. If, after a fair and sincere trial, the Illinois delegates are convinced that the nomination of Senator Sherman is as possible there is nothing to

PROGRESSIVES PLAN FOR 1916 ELECTION

National Committee Will Meet in Chicago in January to Name Place For Convention; Will Maintain Party Along Lines of 1912.

New York, Nov. 29.—A call for the national committee of the Progressive party to meet in Chicago on January 11, 1916, to fix the time and place for the national convention, was issued by the executive committee of the Progressive national committee at a meeting here today. After the conference the following statement was given out:

"State issues which have complicated elections during the past three years are now a thing of the past. The next election is a national one. It was on national issues that the Progressive party was born and polled its greatest vote. The greater national issues of 1916 will inevitably embody the salient features of the Progressive national platform of 1912. Believing that the great progressive independent vote of the country is just as firmly committed to these principles as it was in 1912, the progressives throughout the country are insistent on maintaining the organization of the Progressive party with all the vigor possible. Therefore, the national committee of the Progressive party is hereby called to meet in Chicago on January 11, 1916, for the purpose of fixing the time and place of holding the national convention of the Progressive party and to select candidates for the presidency and the vice presidency of the United States and to adopt a national platform."

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT OF CASWELL LODGE No. 539 A. F. & A. M.

Resolved, That God in his wisdom has seen fit to take from among us our dear brother T. W. Stroud who was a faithful member among us and his presence always brought gladness at our gatherings. He wept with us in our sorrows and rejoiced with us in our joy.

Resolved, That in his death there is a broken column among us and that we may weep as a beautiful Virgin over the temporary resting place of the illustrious dead but God Almighty has given us faith in the immortality of the soul which never, never, never dies.

Resolved, That we are all born to die; we follow our friends to the grave; we feel our own feet sliding and a few more suns and we will be whelmed 'neath death's awful wave but is this the end of man? No blessed be God; He bids us turn our eyes with faith and confidence upon the opening scenes of Eternity.

Resolved, That we have lost the friendship and love and companionship of our dear brother but in our loss, he has gained and that we bow in humble submission to the will of our Creator who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathy and love and respect to our dear brother Companion and relatives.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved Companion and a copy spread on our minutes and also one sent to the Christian Sun and some other newspapers for publication.

J. S. RASCOE,
W. A. HUGHES,
J. F. O. FERRELL,
Committee.

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30 KILLED, 7 DYING IN POWDER BLOW AT DU PONT MILLS

Not Enough Left of Victims' Bodies For Identification by Relatives; Foreman's Remains Are Found in Tree—Brandywine Valley and City of Wilmington, Del. Shaken by Explosion; Dead Mostly Boys, 16 to 21 Years Old; Cause of Blast Still is Undetermined.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 30.—Thirty workmen were killed and seven fatally injured today in an explosion of four tons of black powder at the Upper Hagley Yard of the Dupont Powder Company. It was the worst accident that has occurred in any of the company's plants in a quarter of a century.

The cause of the blast is not known, and according to a company statement, the origin "will probably always remain a mystery." Nevertheless, an investigation has been instituted by the officials of the company.

Nearly all the victims of the blast were young men between 16 and 21 years of age. Most of them lived in and about Wilmington.

The explosion occurred in a small packing house where black powder pellets are prepared for shipment to the warring nations. The packing house was one of a large group of small buildings which make up the upper Hagley plant, about three miles northwest of the city.

Twenty-six men were in the packing house when the powder went off and not enough of any of them was left for identification with the exception of Allen A. Thaxter, the foreman, whose home is given as Portland, Maine. He was torn to pieces and a part of his body was found hanging on a tree across the creek. It was identified by shreds of clothing that still clung to it.

Four of the thirty men killed were blown to pieces while at work outside the packing house. Company officials said the property loss was small.

CAMPAIGN BEGINS SAY REPUBLICANS.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Secretary Garrison's statement attacking former President Taft is regarded by republican leaders as merely the firing of the first defensive guns in a hot fight planned in the coming session of congress against the administration's Philippine policy.

The republicans claim to have secured evidence which they insist will amaze the country. Republicans here go so far as to predict serious trouble will develop because some of the democratic officials in the Philippines are alleged to have misled the native leaders into believing that independence will come immediately.

ARKANSAS WHITES & BLACKS FIGHTING.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 30.—Six negroes have been killed in the rioting, pillaging and burning of negro homes, churches and schools, that has been causing a reign of terror at Brushy Island, Arkansas, for the past three days. The trouble started when John Lee, a white deputy sheriff was shot while trying to arrest three negroes. Eight white men are under arrest and there is a possibility that the state authorities will intervene if the sheriff is unable to quell the disturbances.

The pessimist admits himself a failure.

METHODIST MEET IN WILMINGTON

Conference of North Carolina Body Will be Presided Over by Bishop Kilgo; 400 Delegates Are Expected to Attend.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 29.—Ministers and laymen are already beginning to arrive here for the seventy-ninth session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, which will be held at Grace Methodist church, this city, this week, beginning Wednesday morning and continuing through Monday of the following week. Preceding the conference there will be a meeting Tuesday night of the Conference Historical Society. The trains to the city tomorrow are expected to be crowded with ministers and their wives and lay members of their churches and members of their families.

The conference will be presided over by Bishop John C. Kilgo of Charlotte. The attendance at the conference is expected to reach about 400. Rev. J. D. Bundy is pastor of the church where the conference will be held, and Rev. E. L. Thompson is presiding elder of the Wilmington district. The last session of the conference was held in this city in December, 1902, and there has been a great growth in Methodism in this part of the state since that time.

The conference sermon will be preached Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. R. C. Beaman, D. D., of Henderson. At night the anniversary of the Sunday School board will be observed. Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be preaching by Rev. Walter Patten, and Thursday night will be the anniversary of the board of church extension. Rev. W. W. Poole will preach Friday afternoon and the anniversary of the board of education will be observed at night. Saturday afternoon Rev. W. A. Stanbury will preach and at night there will be the anniversary of the board of missions. The anniversary of the Epworth League board will be Sunday afternoon.

HEART IS DISPLACED, EYE OUT IN ACCIDENT.

Wilson, Nov. 29.—Floyd Page, who was badly hurt in an accident on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad yards here about a month ago, is on the road to recovery. He was caught between two box cars when a freight train backed on him. One of the cars being lower than the other, the lower car draw-head ran under the higher car, crushing him between. His heart was displaced and his head was so tightly squeezed that one of his eyes shot from its socket and his life was despaired of. The next morning after the accident physicians pressed his heart back in position and a specialist put his eye-ball back into his head, and he began to improve immediately.

A DEMOCRATIC TRIBUTE.

The recent increase in the taxable valuation of real estate is a tribute levied on the State by Democratic extravagance.—W. N. C. Times.

The papers are making merry because a Mr. Snow of Philadelphia married a Miss Blizzard of Vermont, saying there are storms ahead. That is nothing. Just the other day we read a wedding announcement from Georgia telling of the marriage of Miss Vera Sharp and Mr. Will Cutts. This assures some sharp and cutting remarks.

Educational Column

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RURAL SCHOOL DEMONSTRATION

Teachers' Assembly, Raleigh, N. C.

ALAMANCE FIRST IN SEWING CONTEST.

The demonstration in sewing, cooking and corn judging by representatives from the rural schools of Alamance, McDowell, Johnston, Northampton, Orange and Granville, and the various from the Farm Life Schools of the different counties were the most interesting features of the Assembly on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning, and Thursday afternoon during the assembly. In those contests Alamance, as usual, ranked first, for she won first place in the sewing contest and second in the biscuit making contest. The new consolidated school—Stony Creek—won the honor in sewing. The girls representing this school were Bynum Maynard and Julia McCulloch. The demonstration in cooking from this county was given by two girls from Altamahaw—Mary Brannock and Autney Hughes.

The report from the Corn Judging contest has not yet been received.

The delegation of teachers attending the Assembly was the largest in the history of the Assembly. Alamance showed marked interest by her representation, there being present the entire teaching force from several of the schools of the county. We wish, however, that all could have been present. This would have been the ideal.

The third meeting of the year of the write teachers county association will be held in the courthouse next Saturday, December 4th, from 11 to 1 o'clock. There will be a general session and also a departmental session for the Primary and the Upper Grade teachers. The Primary teachers will consider paper folding, songs and games. The Upper Grade teachers will study the first four chapters in teaching the common branches. There will be general discussion on the attendance law, grading and reporting cards and moonlight schools. Union dinner will be served. Teachers will please bring lunches. It is hoped that each and every teacher and committeeman in the county will help to secure the largest attendance possible. We cannot educate the children unless they are in school. The teachers should canvass their absentee list to try to enroll the students. The New Hope School has just reported that all children of the school age in that district have been enrolled in school.

Before turning the devil loose for a season, it would be better first to be sure you can watch him and put him up again when you want to do so.

Mr. Merchant, if you want your customers to "do their Christmas shopping early," see to it first of all that you do your Christmas advertising early.

We hardly think there will be many sales among young women of the new song: "All I Want at Christmas is a Card From You."

FIVE MURDERED IN FARM HOUSE.

Six Bodies Found—One Probably Perpetrator of Crimes. Committed Suicide; Motive is Mystery Yet to be Solved.

New Brunswick, N. J., Nov. 27.—Six persons were found shot to death in a farm house on a country road three miles south of here tonight. Five of them had been murdered, while the sixth apparently committed suicide after shooting the others.

A farmer and his family were killed while two farm hands, apparently foreigners, also were shot to death. One of the employes, according to the authorities, did the shooting while the others were asleep last Tuesday night and then killed himself.

The dead: Samuel Weitzmann, 50 years old; Sarah Weitzmann, his wife; David Kigner, 28 years old, son-in-law; Mrs. Beatrice Kigner, 24 years old, his wife; two farm hands, apparently Polish, names unknown.

That the murders were not disclosed until night, was due to the remoteness of the Weitzmann farm, which is located on a lonely cross road a quarter of a mile from the Cranberry turnpike.

Weitzmann, a prosperous farmer, had been accustomed to deliver milk daily in New Brunswick. None having been delivered since Tuesday, an investigation today resulted in the discovery of the tragedy. The bodies were found in three bedrooms. One of the farm hands had died while he was evidently kneeling in prayer on his bed.

In another bed was the body of the farm hand, who, the investigators believe, did all the shooting. In his right hand was a revolver. This man had been employed by Weitzmann only one month and the motive for the murders and suicide is unknown to the authorities.

DANGER SIGNAL.

If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

MAIL ORDER CHAIR BUSINESS.

The majority of the chairs catalogued by mail order houses are the product of Thomasville factories, says the Thomasville correspondent of the Charlotte Observer. Never a day passes but that several large shipments go direct to the mail order houses, while numerous small shipments are sent to their customer. Not very long ago a farmer living in Davidson county ordered a set of dining chairs from a Chicago mail order house and upon arrival he found that they were made by a local factory and were wrapped in local newspapers.

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