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## EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

The Ohio Democrats nominated Judge Harmon for governor, but harmony did not reign and the police were called in to preserve the peace.

The Mount Airy Leader says that harmony reigns in that town. Surely the Democratic candidates haven't yet pulled off a joint debate in Mt. Airy.

An exchange tells of the capture of a lobster which weighed fourteen pounds. We know some still at large that weigh a great deal more than that.

One Durham physician wrote 971 whiskey prescriptions during the past three months. That physician appears to have a good living in the whiskey business alone.

The Caucasian still doubts the correctness of that Hitchcock telegram whitewashing Adams. And our opinion is that Adams would need a lot of whitewashing if all the truth about him were known.

When Mr. Craig and Mr. Kitchin got through with each other there will not be much left for the Republicans to tell on them.—Clinton News-Dispatch. In fact, they have already told more on each other than the Republicans ever dreamed could be true. Some people are doubtful whether either one should be Governor.

Fairbrother's Everything is getting anxious to know whether Mars is inhabited or not. For a final answer, you will have to wait until after the November election. We are in doubt about the matter, but we would not be surprised if it was from that source that the Democrats secured their big majority in Halifax County in 1900.

When the State Convention refused to let Adams name the State Executive Committee and then in addition voted to postpone the election of that committee until the next State Convention, it rebuked him as severely as it could. That action means more—it means that the convention condemned Adams' machine methods and declared in favor of trying to elect a Republican governor this year.

A prominent Democratic politician of Chicago wants Bryan to nominate Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, for President. Some time ago the editor of the Atlanta Georgian suggested that Bryan nominate Roosevelt. How can Bryan do either, since he, himself, is in the race to the finish? What the Nebraska wants to hear is from those who favor the nomination of Bryan.

Governor Johnson says the States should be allowed to run their own affairs. Isn't that sound enough Democracy to suit the most ardent of the radical wing of the party?—Wilmington Star.

And why shouldn't the various counties in this State, that have been denied the right of local self-government by Democratic Legislatures, be allowed to run their own affairs? We are waiting for an answer.

The Democratic papers say that the negroes of Sampson held a convention of their own when the Republican convention was held in that county. The Republicans of that county say they know nothing of it, and that no such convention was held; that the only negroes in evidence in town that day who were politically inclined were those who voted the Democratic ticket. Another case of misrepresentation and an attempt to again raise the negro issue when there is no such issue.

We have received letters for publication from subscribers for and against State prohibition. None of these letters have been published. As a rule we are very glad to receive communications on timely topics, but if we had opened our columns to all comers on this subject we would not have space to print any other news, and however we might feel in the matter, we would not print an article from one and then deny another a hearing on the subject. We take it for granted that every subscriber knows how he will vote on the question, and that he prefers reading the news of the day when he receives our paper each week.

## ADAMS IN A ROW

### He Runs Amuck When He Went Up Against Mr. Mott

### SCENE OCCURRED AT CAPITOL

#### Did Adams Demand an Investigation of Alleged Bribery Charges?—The President Still Urges Congress to Act—A Most Remarkable Political Situation.

Special to The Caucasian.

Washington, D. C., May 11.—The resolutions recently offered in the Senate and the House providing for a congressional investigation of Judge Adams and his Indian Citizenship Court caused him to come here Friday of last week with an attorney with a view to looking after his defense. It is safe to say that whatever he learned or did not learn or did or did not do, that his case is in no better shape now than before he came. Of course he urged the committees to make a searching investigation of the charges of alleged bribery as he said he would do, as he is a truthful man and is not afraid.

This writer has been informed of quite a hot altercation that occurred between Mr. Adams and Mr. M. L. Mott, the national attorney for the Creek Nation at the Capitol. The scene occurred in the ante-room of the Committee on Indian Affairs where the two men met. It seems Mr. Mott spoke to Mr. Adams when they met in the usual way, but that Mr. Adams refused to speak and in return said to Mr. Mott, in an ugly way, that he did not care to speak to him; whereupon, Mr. Mott responded with some strong and expressive language to the effect that he had no confidence in Mr. Adams' integrity and that rumors about him were very ugly. This writer has not been able to confirm the words that look plain, but has given the substance as reported to him. It seems that Adams acted just like a man who would have a guilty conscience.

The President is insisting that Congress shall not adjourn without passing at least some more of the reform measures which he has urged upon Congress in two or three recent messages, and it now seems that Congress may not adjourn as early as was at first expected, and that at least one of the measures urged by the President, if not more, may become a law.

Each day the number of delegates that are elected pledged to vote for Mr. Taft for President is increasing, and yet, at the same time, each day the popular demand that Roosevelt look again to the people is increasing at an equal, if not greater, ratio. This demand that the President should again serve the people, in view of his many times expressed determination not to do so, presents one of the most remarkable situations in American history.

### CHILD LABOR LAW PASSES.

#### Under Suspension of the Rules the House Passes a Child Labor Law For the District of Columbia.

Washington, May 9.—The House today under suspension of the rules unanimously passed a child labor law for the District of Columbia after brief debate.

Mr. Olcott, of New York, in charge of the bill, which was practically a substitute for the measure recently passed by the Senate, explaining its provisions, the main features of which are:

"No child under 14 to work in factory or store, or anywhere else during public school hours, or before 8 o'clock a. m. or after 7 o'clock p. m.

"Between 14 and 16 children employed in any factory or shop must procure schooling certificates.

"No child under 16 to work more than eight hours a day or forty-eight hours a week.

"No boy under 10 or girl under 16 to sell newspapers or other merchandise, or engage in bootblackening on the streets; and all boys under 16 are required to obtain a permit and badge to pursue these occupations."

### Winter Wheat Area 29,751,000 Acres.

Washington, May 8.—The department of agriculture in its summary of the May crop report issued today, places the total area of winter wheat standing on May 1, to be harvested at 29,751,000 acres, or 1,619,000 acres more than the area harvested last year.

The average condition May 1 was 89.0, as compared with 91.3 April and 82.9 May 1, 1907.

### Monroe Lady Shoots Her Daughter's Escort.

Luther Williams, a young man employed at the Monroe Cotton Mills, at Monroe, N. C., was shot in the back, by Mrs. Tom Phifer at the latter's home in Monroe Saturday night. Williams called on Mrs. Phifer's daughter and was going out with her when the mother attempted to keep her daughter at home. Williams drove Mrs. Phifer into the house, where she got a revolver and shot him through a window. The wound, while serious, will not prove fatal.

## AT THE WHITE HOUSE

### President Roosevelt Talks With Governors From Many States

### AN INTERESTING MEETING

#### Addresses on Subjects that Demand the Attention of American People.—Needs of Different States Up for Discussion.—Plan for Universal Divorce Laws—Governors Dined at the White House.

Washington, May 11.—President Roosevelt has finished his program and is now ready for the meeting of governors of States he has invited to confer with him on the needs of the various States. The conference will open Wednesday and continue three days.

Forty-four governors have accepted the President's invitation to attend this notable conference. Three of them are here. They are Joseph H. Kibbey, of Arizona; Walter Frear, of Hawaii; and X. O. Pindall, of Arkansas. This is the first time in the history of the country that a President has held such a conference. Five of the governors, in all probability, will be absent. These are the chief executives of California, Oregon, Georgia, Massachusetts and Texas.

There will be present the governors of all the territories except the Philippines, the cabinet members, justices of the supreme court, and senators and representatives.

Among the noted speakers to attend will be William J. Bryan, James J. Hill, John Mitchell and Andrew Carnegie.

The meetings will be held in the east room of the white house. This room will have on the walls great maps of the United States to illustrate points made by the speakers, and colored transparencies will be used.

Secretary Loeb announces the white house will be closed to the general public during the conference.

Tuesday night the president will give a dinner to the governors at the white house.

Justices of the Supreme Court, Secretaries Garfield and Wilson, the inland waterways commissioners, W. J. Bryan, John Mitchell, James J. Hill and Andrew Carnegie complete the list of guests for the dinner. A reception will be held Thursday evening by Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, for all the members of the conference and for a number of senators and representatives specially invited.

President Roosevelt will open the conference Wednesday with an address. John Mitchell is to speak on the subject of coal mining, its difficulties, and the laws relating thereto.

It is possible that among the subjects to be considered will be a plan for universal divorce laws and the classification of offences for which divorce may be granted; a plan for the extradition of criminals from one State to another upon telegraphic demand of governors; a plan for a universal agreement regarding the treatment of tuberculosis in cattle; plans for the care and segregation of the victims of consumption, to prevent the spread of the disease; a plan for better supervision and observance of the quarantine regulations; plans for the co-operation of adjoining States for the better protection of interstate parks and forest reserves.

### FIVE CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH

#### Terrible Crime is Charged to Alabama Father, Who is Now in Hiding.

Montgomery, Ala., May 11.—Five children of Jim Kennedy were burned to death last night and two others were so badly burned they cannot recover. The crime is charged to the father, who, the mother says, locked the seven in and set fire to the house. The police are looking for Kennedy. The couple were separated and had been at law over the children. The woman says she saw Kennedy lock and set fire to the cabin.

### Durham's Liquor Business for the Past Quarter.

A special from Durham to Sunday's Charlotte Observer says: Sergeant Aldridge, of the police force, finds that during the past three months a total of 3,047 whiskey prescriptions were given by the doctors of Durham and filled by the three drug stores that are licensed to do this kind of business. This shows that during the last quarter the number for booze increased 1,033 over the preceding quarter. There are those who insisted that the list of physicians and the number of prescriptions given by each be published. This request was made of the board of aldermen and the board simply passed a rule that the list be recorded in the minutes of the board and in this way to be open to the public and any one who cares to pay the bill can publish the list in one or as many papers as is desired. In the list now made public one doctor is shown to have given 971 prescriptions for whiskey during the time that is covered by the last check-up. In the future the list will be published regularly.

## LETTER FROM BILKINS.

### The Two Great Staple Crops in Iredell County—Children and "Politics"—President Roosevelt as an Adviser—The Wall of a Bible Agent—Politics an Uncertain Creed.

Correspondence of Caucasian-Enterprise.

As Ever,  
ZEKE BILKINS.

### A RETROSPECT.

#### Why the Republican Party Has Not Become the Majority Party in North Carolina—The Remedy.

Mr. Editor:—When Aycock-Glenn and Company, in 1900, went all through North Carolina, telling the people (the white men especially) that it was best for all, that the disfranchising of the negroes was best, for the reason that with the elimination of the negroes, men could stand up to each other face to face and discuss issues, with no personal animosity, prejudice or abuse, and there would be a white people's party simply, and in effect that the Republicans would be as the Democrats, stand or fall upon the merits of public questions, and upon that alone; how is it now?

There is as much, if not more, hatred and ill-feeling against Republicans, especially white Republicans now, than ever before, and the purpose of it all is to crush those who stand, or might stand, in their way, or dare to disagree with them, in anything.

So that, the man who is a Republican in principle, and not for the office, finds himself hounded down on the one hand by the Democrats, and hectoring, badgered and "read out" of the party by the office-holders on the other?

Thus, the Republican, because he believes in the fundamental and everlasting principles of that party, finds himself between two fires, and it is they who have become tired of such persecution by both Democrats and office-holding Republicans, that he takes himself to "the woods" politically speaking, and these are the ones, who want a growing successful party of voters, not office-holders, that it will be difficult to get out to the polls, or conventions when called by and for the office-holders only.

Truly it takes a hero to be a Republican in North Carolina, in these days of Democratic hatred, and office-holders' selfishness, prejudice and venality!

If anything more was needed to prove it, the performances of the late Republican Convention in Greensboro (April 30th) clearly show that the office-holders do not want a Republican party in North Carolina, a live, militant, growing party, in the very last thing they want! When we see such men as Ex-Senator Butler, Judge Bynum, Mr. Settle, J. F. Newell, and others, refused recognition because, forsooth, they did not agree with the narrow views of the office-holders, and these gentlemen virtually driven out, does any one doubt that the party has dwindled down to a mere office-holding few, who want no one in it, but themselves? When we see one man holding by virtue of the deputy revenue collectors of the East the places of State and National committee men, receiver (\$15,000 per year) and now a delegate to the National Convention, is it any wonder that decent men are disgusted, and stay away from the conventions and will not even lose the few moments time to go to the polls? But, such is the office-holders' party of North Carolina!!!

### REPUBLICAN.

### "A TRAITOR."

Clinton News-Dispatch.

The Republicans of Sampson County will, no doubt, be surprised to know that they sent a delegate to the State and Congressional Convention who tried to break an instructed delegation from that county and tried to cast his vote against the wishes of those who sent him, but Senator Butler whipped him out and the chairman ruled that Sampson County should cast her 18 votes as she had been instructed. So this newcomer from the sand hills of Moore County could not deliver the goods as he no doubt had promised the Ex-Judge, the consideration being the little three dollar postage at Mints, but so determined was he to carry out his hellish design that he followed his big boss on to New Bern where he was aided by the chairman ruling in his favor against the wishes and instructions of two thousand Republican voters of Sampson County and over the protest of all the other delegates present. Senator Butler characterized him as a traitor, a black sheep and a political skunk and asked all good Republicans of Sampson County to never trust him again. This is the first time that Sampson County was ever betrayed by a delegate in any convention, and we hope it will be the last, for we don't believe the good people of McDaniels Township will ever allow this political degenerate to misrepresent them again.

### Secretary Taft Now in Panama.

Secretary of War Taft sailed for Panama last Thursday and was due to reach here yesterday. He was accompanied by General Counsel Rogers of the Interstate Commission.

the neighborhood gossip over the wire. This has party might broken up the good old social way of neighborhood visits, the very life of rural districts. I believe telephones will order be buried up and they order be law ergin them. If I have run for the legislature (her destruction of the telephone will be my main plank. They air a nuisance in town, but worse in the country—an actual crime.

## WHY ADAMS LEFT THE STAGE

### Was Rebuked by the State Convention.

#### "If the Delegates Had Not Been Instructed the State Chairman Would Not Even Have Been Elected"—The Machine and Butler Clash—Triumph of Butler—Echoes from State Convention.

A prominent Republican returning from the Republican State Convention at Greensboro in an interview yesterday told of Judge Spencer B. Adams, humiliation in the convention of the defeat of a resolution to confer power upon him and of the triumph of Butlerism over the State chairman, forcing the convention into acquiescence in Butler's resolution. Adams, it was said, after being rebuked by the convention, left the stage and did not show his face again until the adjournment of the convention.

In speaking of the rebuking of Adams the Republican said:

"After the chairman was elected, and after Skinner had been sat upon by the convention, like Meekins, of Pasquotank, assumed the leading role and introduced a resolution empowering the State chairman to select the six members of the State Committee. Ex-United States Senator Marion Butler offered a substitute providing that the members of the State committee should not be elected until the next convention, at which time the State ticket will be nominated. The majority of the convention was with Butler on this proposition. Prominent among them was Judge W. P. Bynum, of Greensboro, who said that it would be a bad precedent to allow the State chairman to select the State Committee and surround himself with a little coterie who would simply do his bidding. The resolution of Meekins was defeated and Butler's substitute was adopted. After this rebuke to Adams he left the stage and did not again make his appearance before the convention adjourned. If the delegates had not been instructed the State chairman would not even have been elected, as much sentiment for a postponement had developed and many who voted as instructed said afterwards that the next convention would be the proper time to elect a State chairman, after the State ticket had been named. Skinner did not get in another word after he was forced to take his seat by the convention, and if he had a prepared speech he still has it. The office-holders dominated at first, but were routed on the question of State Committee. Skinner, an officeholder, was at first master of ceremonies until he was hounded down and then Meekins, an ex-officeholder, assumed the leading role on the stage and did Committee. Skinner, an officeholder, ers."—News and Observers.

### "Why Not Keep It Up."

We understand that the people are a little busy just now; some of them are out fighting for prohibition; some of them are out fighting against prohibition; some are trying to work the rabbit foot on the Taft boom; some are insisting that Mr. Yonson should be the Denver nominee; some are whooping up Culbertson's boomlet, and many are interested in the Merry Widow hat, while my male friend is more interested in the disclosure of a plot which evidently proposed to stop at nothing in the smirching of character so long as the ruin of rivals in business was accomplished.

Representative Lilley will be saved from the serious consequences which his indiscretion suggests because he is entitled to the suspicion that he was not knowingly a party to this conspiracy; but congressional sympathy with his present embarrassment will be lessened by the knowledge possessed by his associates in the House of Representatives that he has been one of those "reformers" who almost habitually indulge in loose and indiscreet talk.

Another side to this whole squalid sensation is that furnished by the annoyance and expense to which many people, including the government, have been subjected by this purposeless and unwarranted investigation. There is, of course, no redress for those who were called upon to defend themselves against the least possible credit to charges which are now dismissed with the least possible credit to those responsible for them.

Just as soon as Professor J. Allen Holt finds that he is out of the race, and just as soon as the prohibition question is decided one way or another, we take it that it would be in order to again take up the Mars proposition. If Mars is inhibited we ought to know it; we have a right to know it; we should know it. If it isn't inhibited and there are no bar rooms there we should be advised. What we want are the facts in the case. We want information, and unless we get it one way or another it shall proceed in another.

Briefly it is up to the people of North Carolina to do something.—Fairbrother's Everything.

### A Known Enemy is Better than a Treacherous Friend.—French.

## THE BUSINESS MENS PARTY

### National Association of Manufacturers Will Take a Hand in Politics.

### A MEETING MONDAY

Association Has 300 Members and Represents Some of the Largest Commercial Interests in the United States—Will be Along Line of Palmer and Buckner Movement of 1906.

New York, May 12.—It is said that one outcome of the coming convention of the National Association of Manufacturers in this city, which begins Monday, will be the formation of a business men's political party to take a hand in the approaching campaign. The movement, if it is decided on, will be along the lines of the Palmer and Buckner movement of 1894, although in the present case the idea is to get into action before the campaign has shaped itself, in an effort to make the political leaders see the light and so do away with the necessity of nominating a third ticket based on the principle of no extremism in American politics.

The National Association of Manufacturers is a non-political organization. It has 3,000 members, who represent some of the largest business interests in this country, and is allied with many others through trade associations and through the national committee of industrial defense to which these associations belong, of which James W. Van Cleave, head of the association, is chairman.

### FIASCO OR MR. LILLEY.

#### Charges of Connecticut Member in Relation to Purchase of Submarines Have Fallen Down.

Washington Herald.

The collapse of the investigation forced upon Congress by Representative Lilley, of Connecticut, into the legislation providing for the navy sub-marines is as ludicrous as the inquiry was unjustifiable. The reckless charges which were made by Mr. Lilley included, at least by inference, some of his associates in Congress and his fellow members of the House Naval Committee, and they involved indirectly certain naval officers and Navy Department officials. Of course, the charges ascribed all sorts of corruption and crookedness to one of the two firms engaged in submarine construction in this country. It now appears that all of this was founded upon baseless rumor and was worked up by such vicious means as the employment of anonymous letters and the dissemination of fictitious statistics. The attempt to make the sub-marine legislation of this country a congressional scandal was remarkable for the crude arrogance of its authors, who have sought to demolish a rival in their particular field of business activity. It was the kind of secret warfare which spared no one in its implication and required a defensive attitude on the part of some people who should not have been placed in such a position. Mr. Lilley appears to have been a victim of the wiles of the navy with money letter writers as was the principal object of his resolution of investigation. The proceedings failed with the disclosure of a plot which evidently proposed to stop at nothing in the smirching of character so long as the ruin of rivals in business was accomplished.

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### Crazy Soldier Kills Several Comrades in the Philippines.

Manila, May 11.—3:45 p. m.—Private Mike Beacham, of Troop F, First Cavalry, ran amuck in the barracks at Camp Stotsenburg this afternoon. He shot and killed First Sergeant William Hoey and Privates Thomas F. Woodward and G. Wilson, and wounded Privates Edward F. Clark, Emmett W. Samped and Harry W. Whipple. Clark's wound is in the head and he may die.

Beacham was captured and placed in close confinement. He is believed to be insane. A full report of the tragedy has not yet been received. The killed and wounded are all members of Troop F.