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## EDITORIAL BRIEFS

Mr. Hearst is at least making the campaign interesting.

Bryan is now probably sorry that he asked Judge Taft to compare records with him.

From the present outlook Mr. Joseph Daniels will not be the next Secretary of War.

If Mr. Bryan is such a friend of the laboring man, why is it that his paper does not carry the union label?

Doubtless the Democratic leaders are now sorry that they did not give Mr. Hearst what he wanted and let him stay in the party.

If the Democrats of Oklahoma have the welfare of their State at heart they will at once demand the resignation of Governor Haskell.

Mr. Bailey's fears of some months ago are now being realized. Men with blood in their veins are walking out of the Democratic party.

If the charges against Governor Haskell unfitted him for Treasurer of the Democratic Committee, should not he, for the same reason, resign as Governor of Oklahoma?

If Mr. Bryan originated most of the Roosevelt policies, as he claims to have done, why is it that he now attacks those same policies?

And this man Hearst, who is saying such means things about Bryan, is the one whom the Nebraskan recently mentioned in a list of Democrats "fit to be President."

Haskell, until recently treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, cost the Wall Street financiers several thousands of dollars. He must be a very slick article.

Governor Haskell says he accepted the Governorship of Oklahoma for the dignity it would give Oklahoma. If Oklahoma is as undignified as its Governor, it is in an awful condition.

Mr. Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, says that his attacks on Mr. Taft are not partisan. Then why does he not attack some prominent Democrats who are known to be enemies to organized labor?

A special from Richmond to the Baltimore Sun says that a "Democratic Taft Club of Richmond" has been formed, with about five hundred members. It is said that the club includes among its members some of its most prominent business and professional men of Richmond, and every member of the club was formerly a Democrat.

It begins to look as though the South will come into her own.

Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, who is charged with having used undue influence in having certain cases against the Standard Oil Trust dismissed, and who was forced to resign as Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, has referred to President Roosevelt as "an infamous liar with not the honor to admit it."

If the President's charges against Haskell were not true, why did he resign? Any man who would make such charges against the Chief Executive as Haskell has made against President Roosevelt is not fit to be constable in the township in which he lives much less Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

It will be remembered that the last Democratic Legislature held a midnight caucus and decided to appoint four extra County Commissioners (Democratic) in Sampson County so that their party could administer the affairs in that county even at the protest of the majority of voters in that county. Now the report comes from Sampson that these same Commissioners have been dealing with themselves at the expense of the county. It is charged that a member of the Board has been furnishing goods to the county and that others have bought materials from firms in which they were interested. This is in violation of the law, and if the charges are true, they can be prosecuted. (News and Observer will please copy.)

The Caucasian for 15 cents until November 15. Get up a club and send us before our next issue.

## LETTER FROM BILKINS.

**Bilkins Dreams Dreams—The Major Will Conduct Some Wonderful Experiments in the Near Future—Will Attempt to Cross the Airship on the Automobile and Produce a Flyer That Will Go High Up.**

Correspondence of the Caucasian-Enterprise.

Bilkinsville, N. C., Sept. 30, 1908. I had a dream the other nite. Like most dreams hit wuz too gude ter be true. Ov course they air awful dreams that air too bad ter be true. I dreamt that William J. Bryan had refused the dyamakrat nomernashun fer President on a legal technicality. That wurd "technicality" is a purty big one an' i reckon hit hez at least thirty-five or forty different meanings. But, be az hit may, I dreamed that Billy Bryan had figured hit out that hit wuz unconstitutional fer him ter run fer the President's job more than twice hand-goin' an' that he wuz beggin' the National Committee ter turn him off an' hire somebody else.

I believe that wuz the most wonderful dream that any livin' man hev ever had. An' i hadn't et anything unusual fer supper, neither. Ter dream a dream like that a feller orter eat a bushel ov cabbage, a peck ov cold beans, half a middlin' of meat an' two bushels ov fried onions fer supper. But i hadn't been guilty ov any sich unbecomin' conduct, an' i wuz cool sober when i went ter bed. People who make a specialty ov dreams an' other diseases will please take up my case an' see if hit iz curable fer i must confess that i am either developin' into a high grade dreamer or else i am fallin' lame in my head. Any infermashun az ter what alls me will be thankfully received an' i will do az much fer whoever helps me through this trouble.

I hev bin readin' 'erbout the tricks sum ov them air doin' with airships an' automobiles. They kin make over forty miles an' hour with either masheen. I am goin' ter try ter cross an' airship an' automobile an' break air records. To scientists an' other poor people this may sound like gassin'. But i think i know what i am talkin' 'erbout. The main trouble with flyin' masheens iz that they won't stay up in the air long enuff ter do much in the way of flyin', except in the columns ov the daily papers. Rite on the other hand automobiles air awl rite, but they won't stay on the ground when they git het up an' a-runnin' 'er-bout rite. Hit iz plain ter me that the thing ter do in a case ov that sort iz ter cross 'em an' perduce a masheen that will be purty close ter perfectshun. If the automobile jumps too high an' won't hit the ground except in high places, an' the airship goes up in the air an' cavorts erround an' then falls kerflop ter the ground, anybody, except an' extreme partisan, orter hev sense enuff ter know that they orter be, an' must be, crossed before they'll be worth much ter the travlerin' publick. After the new brandy season closes i will conduct sum experiments with air-ships an' automobiles at my Bilkinsville farm that will open the eyes ov farmers an' Farmers' Union lecturers awl over the country, as i fully expect that the breedin' an' raisin' ov automobiles will be one ov our greatest industries in the very near future.

If things develop rite on my Bilkinsville farm i may establish experiment stations at three or four different points ov the State after planin' ov the State Agricultural Department, an' conduct auto-institutes fer the benefit ov the farmers an' the laborin' masses generally. Incidentally the pollytishuns will be encouraged at the same time.

None ov us yet begin ter realize the advantages ov the auto-airship when hit in perfected, tamed an' put ter practical use. Hit hez bin claimed that the mule iz the most useful animal in the world, an' i believe most ov hit, fer when my mule Bob cums up ter me with his pleasant countenance beamin' i know that that stands not only a useful animal, but a friend. I kin ride him, drive him, plow him. He iz never sick, never cumplains if his grub iz not gude, will eat anything frum Irish pertaters ter sassaparilla sprouts; kin go barefooted winter an' summer. If you hire a man ter work he wants ter argue erbout the wuzk 'erbout the wages he iz ter git before he will sot in. Then he won't begin wuzk til a sertain hour in the mornin' an' quit at an hour in the evenin' that makes you feel that another day hez bin thrown erway. Not so with Bob. He will go ter wuzk befo' daylight every mornin' if you say the word, an' he will wuzk til plum dark without callin' time, an' then you kin ride him a 'possum huntin' that nite jist fer gude measure. Bob jist notes on 'possum huntin', anyway, an' that leads me ter believe that he iz of African descent. I wouldn't take \$4,000 fer that mule; in fact, if a man wuz ter insist on buyin' Bob i'd consider that i had plenty ov grounds fer a big suit fer damages.

I see by the papers that M. Albenberg, Minister of Justice, at Copenhagen, Denmark, hez resigned his job. He iz accused of stealin' ten million dollars frum his government, which wuz probably awl they wuz in site at the time, fer Denmark iz a small country.

Hit seems that the world is growin' in better in sum ways. But the dishonesty ov men in high places goes

on. We will finally hev ter adopt the Chinese plan ov dealin' with dishonest officials—cut their heads off. That may be unreasonably severe, but smethin' must be done. The world iz growin' better, that iz, when an' where the laws air enforced, an' whar the laws fit the crime. The trouble iz that we air too easy with "high up" criminals an' barely hard enuff on the lower classes. Our "justice" iz not hit actually falls far short ov bein' what it wuz originally intended ter be—a preventative ov crime. The world iz ever ready ter punish an' persecute the man who thinks an' says what he pleases, provided he thinks an' speaks in an' independent way, fer he steps on somebody's toes—he cannot be bought nor bullied. But the feller who steals a hundred thousand, or a million, hez only ter deal with the few individuals who lost by his dishonesty, an' they can hardly get legal or moral support enuff ter punish him. Ought ter be sum changes erlong ther.

Az Ever,  
ZEKE BILKINS.

## TAFT TALKS ON PHILIPPINES.

**Bryan and His Followers Caused Filipinos to Be Discontented and to Continue in Open Insurrection.**

In answer to Bryan's attack on the policy of the Republican party in the Philippines, Judge Taft has riddled in a speech to visitors to his home in Cincinnati, all the Nebraskan's assertions. He charges Bryan's influence as the cause of a year's bloodshed in the island possessions.

In the course of the speech Judge Taft said: "In 1900, in the first presidential campaign after the close of the Spanish war, Mr. Bryan announced that the paramount issue was anti-imperialism. He and those who supported him in that campaign and who indicated their policy even before the campaign came on, condemned the course of McKinley with so much vehemence as to convince the Filipinos that it was wise for them to continue in open insurrection, and Mr. Bryan and his followers were responsible for the cost and suffering and loss of life on both sides which arose during an unnecessary year of war."

Mr. Taft very pointedly shows that Bryan advocated immediate independence for the Filipinos directly after the Paris treaty, and was in favor of having them shift for themselves, and then interfered as much as possible with the efforts which were being made to bring tranquility to the islands. Mr. Taft submits that there is not the slightest resemblance between the policies urged by the two parties in respect to the Philippines and says: "Hence, I say, that one of the greatest reasons for keeping Mr. Bryan out of the Presidency and his party out of Congress is that they are pledged to abandon the islands, to accept the policy of scuttle to rid this government of the burden it has assumed with respect to this people, and to halt the spread of civilization in that part of the Orient." Mr. Taft believes it will be a generation or two before the Filipinos are fully ready for absolute independence.

## NIGHT RIDERS IN GEORGIA.

**Negro Settlements Raided and Many Churches and School Houses Burned to the Ground.**

Albany, Ga., Sept. 28.—There is a reign of terror among the negro inhabitants of a considerable portion of Calhoun, Baker and Miller Counties, as the result of a raid by night riders Saturday night, the trail of the outlaws being marked by the blackened ruins of thirteen negro churches and school houses.

The night riders first made their appearance at a point three miles east of Kestler, where the first Church was fired. They galloped away toward the east and before the glare of the first fire had reached its height another was being kindled a few miles away. Fire followed fire and the destruction of every building to which the torch was applied was complete.

Hundreds of negroes went to their churches yesterday to attend services only to find heaps of ashes where their meeting houses had stood.

Many of the best members of the negro race in the three counties named are members of the congregations of some of the burned churches.

This is the same community where, a few months ago, a number of negro lodge rooms were dynamited and where several lynchings have recently occurred, the last having taken place only a few weeks ago.

**Two-Headed Girl Born in Connecticut.**

Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 28.—A fine, healthy, two-headed girl baby, weighing eight pounds, has come to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Falen. Mother and baby are in the Bridgeport Hospital and both are doing well, indeed. Doctor and nurse say the baby will live in all probability.

## Frozen to Death.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 28.—Joe Leneer, a coal miner, was found dead beside the Norville road yesterday. County Coroner Burke declared the man was frozen to death.

## HASKELL RESIGNS

**Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee is Smoked Out.**

## SERIOUS CHARGES MADE AGAINST HIM

**Charged That He Was Once in the Employment of the Standard Oil Trust and as Such Employed Tried to Use Undue Influence to Have a Case Against the Company Dismissed—Has Made Reputation as Financier at the Expense of Others—Denied the Charges, but Did Not Wait for Proof Before Resigning.**

Governor Chas. N. Haskell, of Oklahoma, treasurer of the Democratic National Committee met with some party leaders in Chicago Friday night and after a long conference handed in his resignation as treasurer of the Committee, and thereby hangs a tale. President Roosevelt and Mr. Hearst had charged that the Governor Haskell was once in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, and as such employed was connected with an attempt to bribe or influence Attorney General Monnett, of Ohio, to dismiss suits pending against the Standard Oil Company. Gov. Haskell denied the charges and Mr. Bryan and Chairman Mack came to the Governor's rescue and demanded proof. However, there was talk of removing him as treasurer and without waiting for further proof he hurried to Chicago for a conference with some Democratic leaders and a few hours afterwards wrote out his resignation as treasurer of the committee. Gov. Haskell was chairman of the committee on resolutions at the Democratic Convention at Denver and helped to draft the platform. The following news story from New York tells something more of the record of Haskell:

New York, Sept. 22.—Wall street in a very mysterious manner today admitted the residence of Governor C. N. Haskell in New York in 1896. Prominent bankers and financiers spoke of the sky-rocket financial career of Mr. Haskell here in 1897-'98-'99, this establishing his ability but at the same time giving the information in such manner as to immediately occasion the thought that there is an unwritten story lying behind it all. Refuting Mr. Hearst's allegation Gov. Haskell said he could not be attempting to bribe Attorney General Monnett while he was in New York.

E. L. Hoppenheim said there is no question about Mr. Haskell having been here. "He was, very much. I know him to the extent of \$28,000, but—that's all i can say."

F. J. Lisman, railroad bond house—"Indeed Mr. Haskell was here. Smart fellow Haskell—Oh, very. Ha! Ha! I wish i could discuss him." Member of J. S. Bache Company, brokers—"It is really too bad that Mr. Bache is in Europe. He can tell a very interesting story about Mr. Haskell's residence here."

Philip Lehman—"Yes, i recall Haskell was here in 1898. But i consider that transaction as a sealed book."

Mr. Haskell's career in New York had to do with the Lima Northwest railroad and the Detroit & Lima Northern railroad. Altogether there were upward of one hundred investors in this and other cities who bought \$1,194,000 worth of five per cent gold mortgage bonds of the Lima Northern, and \$2,092,000 worth of five per cent gold mortgage bonds of the Detroit & Lima railroad. These bonds were introduced by Charles N. Haskell, a rising young lawyer from Ottawa, O.

E. R. Thomas was elected a director of the Detroit & Lima on September 7, 1897, and shortly afterwards was made its president. The bonds were sold at first at their face value—\$1,000—but two short years after, in 1901, they were traded at par for common stock of the Detroit Southern company (successors of the Ohio Southern and the Detroit & Lima Northern companies) which same common stock never sold above \$20 per share. In May, 1905, it traded at \$4 per share. It is shown today that E. R. Thomas and Mr. Haskell were rather closely connected with each other but that Thomas was finally eliminated.

**BAILEY ON CANDIDATE BRYAN.**

Before Bryan was Nominated Mr. Bailey Said That Bryan's Program Spelled Ruin for the Party. Sometime before Mr. Bryan was nominated for President by the Democrats at Denver, Mr. J. W. Bailey, who is now a Bryan elector at large, wrote an article in which he stated that Bryan had deliberately foisted upon his party a program which spelled ruin for the party, and rightfully so, since it spelled ruin for the nation.

Mr. T. T. Hicks, of Henderson, came across Mr. Bailey's article some days ago which in full is as follows: "The opportunity for Southern

Democrats to take charge of their party is at hand—to save it from the perils which have so often shipwrecked it, and from the captains who are now preparing to run it another four years up salt river. Mr. Bryan has deliberately foisted upon his party a program which spells ruin for the party and rightfully so, since it spells ruin for the nation. If he were mindful to repent, it were now impossible for him to retrieve his last advantage. But he is not mindful to repent. He is by nature radical; and it is impossible for him to be otherwise. If the South were ever so disposed to follow him, to do so now means once more to plunge into hopeless defeat and worse, for to follow him now means division to the very heart. Neither in the nation nor in the South can the party hold together under his leadership. The opportunity it at hand—the party stands orphaned in the presence of its enemies. It is a party without a leader. The rank and file have a policy, but they can not put their hands on a leader that will rally them to that policy.

"The leaders of the party in the nation—who are they? Tom Taggart—gambler! He is the national chairman and the fact is eloquent of the low estate of the party in the nation and the humble influence of the South in the party; other leaders are Murphy, New York bar-keeper and tough; Hearst, of New York, degenerate demagogue; Bryan, Tom Johnson, the Idealist; Ryan and Belmont, Wall Street manipulators. It is time somebody was taking a hand. And what is the South made of, that she should stand aside for such as these; should acquiesce while these lead her into all manner of absurd policies; should consent while those impotent to command support in their own States assume to direct the destinies of a great political party—what is the South made of, that she should become responsible for the follies of this aggregation, should suffer the glory of political curiosities to offer in her name a series of political policies that bear all the marks of their mongrel origin.

"We hold that it is better for all concerned that the South should go on into her mission, should take charge of the Democratic party and breathe into its present dying body the wholesome breath of sound principles than that she should continue to occupy her present contemptible place at the feet of the thugs and dreamers—curious combination—who now have charge and whose leadership means shipwreck and ought to mean shipwreck. In the Senate and electoral college she casts four-fifths of the Democratic vote. She owes it to herself to cast this vote according to her own ideals and not according to the discredited and trafficking fellows that have seized the national leadership. She is responsible, let her make the platform. She is the party—in Senate and electoral college at least—let her conduct its policy. If the ship is wrecked it is her loss. To choose otherwise, to accept Mr. Bryan's new propaganda of paternalism or Mr. Hearst's socialism or to supinely accept whatever the Taggarts and Murphys prepare for us is to deserve ruin, is to welcome ruin, is to forfeit self-respect—is to invite men with blood in their veins to walk out. And they will."

## Leader of Show Held on Charge of Larceny.

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 26.—A negro troupe hailing from Memphis, Tenn., and known as The Jubilee Show, came to grief in Salisbury last night when Frank Brown, leader of the show, was lodged in jail charged with robbing a dozen stores in the city. It is learned that he secured a master key to a number of leading stores and by the assistance of his wife and other members of the troupe stole several hundred dollars worth of valuable goods. The office of Chief of Police Julian today were the recovered articles. The show went to pieces at once.

## A Strange Freak Arrested Near Clinton.

Clinton, N. C., Sept. 26.—Last night a man giving his name as Mercer, went to the home of Mr. J. J. Mathis, a white farmer near Clinton. While he was out with a surveying party on his farm, the man went into the house, frightened the ladies, overturned tables and other furniture and, after rumaging the house to his contentment, went to the stables, caught and harnessed Mr. Mathis' horse and drove him to Clinton so rapidly that he was nearly killed. A policeman arrested him for cruelty to animals when he got to Clinton, and when he decided that the lockup was too good for him, and he is now safely reposing in jail awaiting his preliminary trial before the mayor.

## "Mighty Good References."

Hickory Mercury.] In Sunday's Charlotte Observer, which all good people read, Mr. N. Glen Williams has a liquor ad. He sells corn and rye. Tells how you can get it. Says it is good and old. He gives the following references as to his standing and goods: All Banks in North Carolina, North Carolina Congressmen and Senators, as well as other State Officials, and the Governor Not Excepted. Reader, how does that sound for a prohibition party?

## ANOTHER REPORT OF COLUMBUS CONVENTION.

**Was Largest and Most Enthusiastic Crowd of Republicans That Ever Met in That County—Ex-Senator Butler Made Masterly Address Which Delighted and Enthused Every Republican Present.**

Editor Caucasian: The Republican Convention to name candidates for the County offices of Columbus County was held in the Court House at Whiteville, Saturday, September 19th.

The Convention was attended by the largest and most enthusiastic crowd of Republicans that ever met in Columbus County for that purpose. The following ticket, which is considered a very strong one, was unanimously nominated by the Convention: For Representative—Irvin B. Tucker. For Sheriff—E. W. Fuhr. For Treasurer—Joshua Smith. For Register of Deeds—J. T. Carroll. For Tax Collector—L. L. Green. For Coroner—J. R. Baldwin. For Surveyor—Jack Long. For County Commissioners—F. M. Stevens, S. H. Anderson, D. M. Harrelson, R. C. Gore and A. Bartholomew.

The ticket is well distributed over the County. Only one candidate, Irvin B. Tucker, being from the town of Whiteville, and the personnel of the ticket is absolutely beyond question.

The ticket placed in the field by the "Democratic Ring" of this county is taken almost entirely from the town of Whiteville and will, in all probability, meet the defeat at the polls it deserves.

The Convention was marked by one continued flow of harmony and enthusiasm. Ex-Senator Marion Butler addressed the Convention after the nominations had been made and in a masterly address tore great rents into the thin arguments of the Democratic spell binders and thoroughly delighted and enthused every Republican present.

The "Democratic Ring" is very much disconcerted on account of Mr. Butler's visit to Whiteville, and he left our County with the faces of the Republicans radiant in confident expectation of success and our Democratic brethren with dejection written on every brow.

Listen and you will hear something drop in old Columbus County on the 27th of next November.

## REPUBLICAN.

[The above account of the Columbus County Convention was received too late for our last issue. We had an account of the Convention in our last issue but it did not contain the full ticket named and some other interesting information contained in the above report.—Ed.]

## Dupont Retires From Head of Republican Campaign Speakers' Bureau.

New York, Sept. 25.—Chairman Hitchcock, of the Republican national committee, tonight announced that Gen. T. Coleman Dupont, of Delaware, head of the bureau, and also as a member of the executive committee of the national committee, and that his resignation had been accepted.

Mr. Hitchcock said he had a conference with Mr. Dupont this morning and the latter insisted upon the acceptance of his resignation, feeling that the tendency of the suit of the government against the powder trust with which he is connected might be employed to the injury of the campaign.

## Body of Mrs. A. Page Found in Black River.

Autryville, N. C., Sept. 25.—Some days ago Mrs. Adolphus Page, who lived near Clement, in this county, told her husband that she was going to fish in the waters of South River, about a mile from her home. Night came and Mrs. Page did not return. Her husband believed that she was visiting in the neighborhood as she had done before. Two nights passed and she did not return. A searching party went out to look for her and came upon her dead body lying partly in the dark waters of South River. Poul play was suspected, but a thorough examination of the body revealed no signs of any wound that would have caused death, and it was decided that she had drowned or died of heart failure.

## Robert Roberson to Hang for Murder of Charles Whichard.

Williamston, N. C., Sept. 26.—After twelve hours deliberation, a jury found Robert Roberson guilty of murder in the first degree for the murder of Charles Whichard, at Robersonville, on August 12th last. This murder was deliberate and cold-blooded and during the trial the court house was crowded with people from Robersonville township, who were there to see justice done.

Another sensational murder trial is now going on at this term of court Judge O. H. Allen presiding, has had one of the largest criminal dockets in the history of this county.

We want a good agent in every county in the State to solicit subscriptions for The Caucasian.

## BRYAN ON THE DEFENSIVE

**Mr. Roosevelt Has Put Life into the Presidential Campaign.**

## TAFT STOCK IS RISING

Interstate Republican Club Rally a Great Success—Club Was Addressed by Secretary Straus, ex-Senator Marion Butler and United States Treasurer Treat—Ex-Senator Butler to Speak in Maryland and Several Western States—The Big Oklahoma Indian Suit Appealed to the United States Supreme Court. Special to The Caucasian.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 29, 1908. The return of President Roosevelt from his vacation at Oyster Bay has put new life in the national capital and has, in fact, made this city the political center of the campaign.

Prominent politicians from all over the country have been dropping in to Washington since the President's return to confer with him. While it would seem that every moment of his time has apparently been taken up with official business and with receiving callers, yet, during the short week since his return, he has done more to put life into the Presidential campaign, to put Bryan badly on the defensive, and to cause Taft's political stock to rise, than all his committees, associate committees, and advisors have been able to do.

Before Roosevelt took a hand in this campaign, it was almost lifeless in comparison with the enthusiasm which has now been waked up. Indeed, Bryan was apparently making some headway by constantly claiming that he stood for Roosevelt's policies and would go them one better, and that if he was elected he would carry out the Roosevelt program more effectively than Taft would. But Mr. Bryan overplayed this game and forced the President to come to the front, and now Bryan is on the defensive, and it is difficult to see how he can again get up any headway during the remainder of his campaign.

## The Interstate Republican Club Rally.

On last Saturday night a big Republican rally was held in this city under the auspices of the League of Inter-State Republican Clubs. This club is composed of Republicans from nearly every State in the Union, all of whom are voters and each one of whom pledges himself to go home to vote this fall.

A marching club of about three hundred of the members of this club had organized and had secured uniforms, fife and drums; they gave a magnificent parade with torchlight on Pennsylvania Avenue before the meeting began.

The speakers were Secretary Straus of the Department of Commerce and Labor, former Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina, U. S. Treasurer Treat. The speaking was in the large assembly hall of the club on the second floor of the new Citizens' National Bank Building. The Washington Star and Washington Post estimated that there was a thousand present at the meeting, and, besides, there were several hundred who were turned away because they could not secure even standing room.

The rally was a great success, there being very marked enthusiasm, lasting until nearly midnight.

Ex-Senator Butler consented today to make three speeches in the State of Maryland, during the first week in October, after which he will go West to speak in a number of the Congressional Districts.

## The Big Oklahoma Indian Suit Appealed to the Supreme Court.

The big suit filed in the United States Court of Oklahoma by nearly four thousand Indians to recover their proportion of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Indian property, amounting to four thousand eight hundred dollars for each claimant, has come up to the Supreme Court of the United States on appeal on the question of jurisdiction. An appeal with the record in the case has been filed in the Supreme Court, and it will be pushed to an early hearing. The plaintiffs in this suit are those whose claims were denied by the Indian Citizenship Court of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

## ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

**J. B. Hall Charged With Criminal Assault Upon Blind Girl.**

Autryville, N. C., Sept. 25.—Constable C. W. Sossoms captured J. B. Hall, a white man near Roseboro, in this county, a day or two ago. Hall is charged with attempting to criminally assault a blind, white girl near Dunn, N. C. more than a year ago. Since that time he has skillfully eluded the officers till constable Sossoms got on his trail.