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## EDITORIAL BRIEFS

Maryland flirted with both of the parties.

Yes, it was a landslide, but it still for Mr. Taft.

The Democrat and his dollar were soon parted.

Governor Glenn's home county, Forsythe, went Republican.

Those who lost out will probably ask the next Legislature to pass a law.

Mr. Taft says law obeying business men need not fear his administration.

The New York World is still in doubt as to what constitutes a Democrat.

Even the man from Missouri can see that the South is no longer a voting machine.

The Democrats have been busy for the past week trying to explain how it happened.

Three Republican Congressmen from North Carolina—that does very well as a starter.

The Baltimore Sun says that what the country needs is the regulation of peanut politicians.

Business is on a hum all over the country and we are good for four more years of prosperity.

The independent voter is becoming a factor in North Carolina politics, which is a very healthy sign.

Mr. Bryan says: "Our principles will yet prevail." Wonder if he thinks Mr. Taft will adopt them?

The next Legislature will probably try to move the Fifth, Eighth and Tenth Districts over into South Carolina.

The Dispatches say that Mr. Bryan will soon issue a statement. The people already know how it happened.

It has been stated on good authority that Mr. Bryan has now decided not to share the White House with Mr. Kern.

Mr. Taft made a pretty good dent in the "Solid South". He will receive Missouri's entire electoral vote and two of Maryland's.

Bryan's fried chicken banquet and his championship of the Brownsville affair were not sufficient to land him in the White House.

The next day after the election business began to brighten up all over the country. Would it have been so if Taft had been defeated?

Prosperity is not only in the air but is being realized by the manufacturers and laborers all over the country.

The Democrats lost 15,000 votes in this State at last election. Even at that rate it will not be long before North Carolina will be in the Republican column.

Some of the Democratic politicians say that the Republicans bought the election. If so they are poor financiers, for they bought a whole lot more than they needed. The truth is the people just voted the Republican ticket.

Shelton Laurel township, in Buncombe County, is the banner Republican township in this State. Not a Democratic vote was cast in that township at the last election. There was only one at the election two years ago, but he has since passed to his reward, and they are not raising many new Democrats in this State at present.

The officer who served the warrant on ex-Senator Butler, which was sworn out by ex-Judge Adams, said when he served the warrant that he had been instructed not to accept bail. The next day, in Greensboro, Mr. Adams, through one of his lawyers, denied positively and vigorously that such instructions were given; so there seems to be a lie out somewhere, and the liar will be treed before this thing is over.

## LETTER FROM BILKINS.

Sad Days in Bilkinsville; the Election Went Wrong—Too Much Talking in This State—Comment on the Result, and the Causes Leading Up to It—The Democratic Party is "Scattered."

(Correspondence of The Caucasian-Enterprise.)

Bilkinsville, N. C., Nov. 10, 1908.

The election is over an' hit went wrong aw' errand. Ov course we dymkrats carried a few townships in this State an' sum of the other States. But, I'll be d-d-gum if the Republikans didn't cum purty nigh makin' hit unanimous. We also elected a little feller by the name of Kitchin Governor in this State, but I don't expect he will amount to a hill of beans, fer the only thing he hez ever succeeded in doin' wuz ter talk a little mush an' milk stut jist like Governor Glenn hez done durin' ov the past few years, arrayin' man erginst man, an' stirrin' up neighborhood strife. I'd give at least 75 cents ter the campane fund if they would nominate a deaf an' dumb man fer Governor next time. They hez bin too much talkin' in gude old North Carolina fer several years—talk that sounded purty—but talk that wuz not worth hearin' fer hit didn't hev much truth in hit, an' hit really did a whole lot of harm.

Betsy an' me wuz sittin' ov the fire last nite. I had bin readin' ov a paper an' soon got sleepy an' dis-gusted, fer hit didn't hev anythin' in hit but news about the eleckshun an' erbout Taft carryin' the whole world an' part ov North Carolina. Betsy sed: "An' what do you think ov hit now?"

"Think ov hit?" sez I. "I don't think anythin' ov hit. Billy Bryan iz defeated an' we hev lost several counties an' two or three Congressional districts in this State an' the only thing we hev left iz hell an' a few States down South like Georgy an' Louisiana, an' the 'nigh riders' an' the devil air in control thar, so what air we goin' ter do erbout hit? Think erbout hit! Why, my dear, I can't think. Awl I kin see or hear or think iz a few campane predickshuns an' a few speches an' editorials ov the prohibition variety, an' they awl seem jumpled up together."

"Your party seems ter be sorter divided erginst itself, an' hit can't get pulled together any more," sed Betsy, fer she iz still a populist ov the worst sort.

"Divided. No, that ain't the word; hit is scattered erginst himself—scattered is the word. I know what iz the matter with hit—hit iz scattered erginst itself an' the old boy hisself can't never git hit together any more. Why, the dymkrat party ov which I am a charter member, an' ter which I hev stuck through thick an' thin, iz scattered ter the four winds ov heaven an' I reckon hit wont never git together anymore. Yes, hit iz scattered—from Billy Bryan, the head ov the party, down ter Jodeesevins Daniels, the tail ov hit; the dymkrat party iz scattered erginst itself."

"I suppose the country did not like your platform," sed Betsy, "an' so a majority voted erginst hit. The only thing ter do iz ter grin an' bear hit, pick yer flint an' try hit ergin'."

"Try hit ergin'." sez I. Ov course we will try hit ergin'. But what iz ter use? We have advocated everything from ter free an' unlimited coinage ov silver ter infant baptism. We hev favored high tariff an' low tariff, sound money an' depreciated currency; honesty an' dishonesty; right an' wrong. What iz left fer us? Why, we stole the Greenback party's platform thirty years ergo, thought hit would carry us through an' got swamped ter our ears. In 1896 we stole the Populist platform an' cum so near 'gittin' in thar that we held on ter the most ov hit fer the past twelve years, except the campane that we nominated Parker, when we stole the Republikan platform an' worked hit over an' whitewashed hit. But we couldn't fool anybody. We hev favored everything that hez bin thought ov an' hev bin ergin' purty nigh everythin' at one time or another, an' still here we air with nothin' left but an' empty campane box an' a few sad thoughts with which ter begin ter prepare fer the next battle, which iz due in 1912, thar iz if we don't decide ter quit the game."

"Why don't yer try ter prohibition platform next time," sez Betsy.

"Try ter prohibition platform," sez I. "Try what? Why, my dear, we hev tried that. We had bin watchin the struggles ov that small but game little party fer years an' not seein' anythin' else yin' erround loose, we we actually stole the prohibition platform an' got hit mixed up with the other stuff in our perlitual junk shop. An' hit seemed ter be popular, too. The preachers they cum ter us an' sed: "Now, you air gittin' on the Lord's side, we will help you now. You air a grate big giant an' hev got the strength; we will do the prayin' an' you do the votin' an' the other rough work an' we will make a new country out ov this old wood-en country. An' the pollytishuns they suit, or part ov hit, iz before you. Read the eleckshun returns an' reflect. If the dymkrat party iz not dead hit iz in a dyn' condition an' nothin' but powerful medisun will revive hit. Wait an' see if I am right I am sad; too sad ter live; too sad ter die."

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## MR. TAFT SPEAKS

Says Law Obeying Business Men Need Not Fear His Administration.

CREATES GOOD IMPRESSION

Men Who Conduct a Legitimate Business Will Find the Government Back of Them, But no Favors Are to be Extended Those Who Break the Laws—Sounds Keynote of Prosperity for Next Four Years.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 5.—Speaking to the Cincinnati Commercial Club on which he has been a member for fifteen years, William Howard Taft tonight sounded the keynote of prosperity for the country for the next four years.

"Every business man who is obeying the law may go ahead with all the energy in his possession; every enterprise which is within the statute may proceed without fear of interference from the administration when acting legally; but all interests within the jurisdiction of the federal government may expect rigid enforcement of the laws against dishonest methods," was the crux of what Mr. Taft said.

The speech created a profound impression among the business men of the city, who are members of the club. The speech was preceded by expressions of friendship and neighborly felicitations on the part of the distinguished guest, and was responded to with the greatest enthusiasm.

"Seriously," Judge Taft declared, "the indications are already much apparent and the hopes which I entertain are that the business communities and the investors of both foreign nations and among our people will take heart in carrying out the great enterprises which have been projected and must be carried to a termination if the country is to reach its full meed of prosperity and business standing."

"Business men are to be shown the Hens of legality and are to be directed in keeping with these lines which have been emphasized during the last four years. Business men shall know that they are to conform to the laws upon the statute books and that no favors are to be extended for those who break the laws."

This shall be so that the men who conduct a legitimate business many understand that the government is back of them and does not intend to do anything to interfere with their legitimate advancement."

After the applause which met the declaration had subsided, Judge Taft said:

"It is a question of the definite knowledge of the statutes and of their clear understanding which shall mean the honest progress of our business people, and that is, in my belief, all that is necessary to make that progress substantial and enduring."

Judge Taft apologized for directing his words into such a serious a discussion. "I know the difficulties that will arise in my new career," he added. "I know there will be questions which arise that I do not know of now and that times will come when many of my friends will shake their heads and say 'Poor Bill,' but all I ask is for suspension of judgment until the situation may be understood. Its decision will rest upon the principles of sound and honest business policies which I have outlined and which are to be applied, these details will, I am sure, explain what may appear to be errors of judgment and mistakes."

ginst lickor an' the evil hit wuz doin'. They made sich a noise erbout hit that sum ov the fellers thar wuz runnin' ov stills actually got scared an' quit. I fack, they made so much noise that my mule, Bob, quit brayin' an' stood in one corner ov the stable. He wouldn't eat hiz corn till late at nite fer fear ov them pollytishuns. He could hear them outl'n an' speakin' erginst corn whiskey, an' hit frightened him awmost ter death. He could hear the word corn an' knowed the meanin' ov hit. But he didn't know the meanin' ov the word whiskey, an' so ter be on the safe side he awlways waited till after midnight ter eat any corn. I tell you hit wuz fearful the way them pollytishuns went fer the fellers thar made whiskey or that sold hit. They awl seemed ter think that they could git rid ov the whiskey appertine' thar the whiskey at the same time. They seemed ter fergit that good an' evil wuz set before us at the beginnin' whiskey bein' a part ov the evil, an' that hit would take more than the brayin' ov a lot ov perlitual jackasses ter remove that or any other part ov the evil. But the dimes wuz on, wuz on ter hit, iz before you. Read the eleckshun returns an' reflect. If the dymkrat party iz not dead hit iz in a dyn' condition an' nothin' but powerful medisun will revive hit. Wait an' see if I am right I am sad; too sad ter live; too sad ter die.

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## THE OFFICIAL VOTE

Returns Show Democratic Majority is Greatly Reduced.

GREAT REPUBLICAN GAIN

Kitchin's Majority Over Cox Has Been Greatly Reduced from the Vote of Four Years Ago—Republicans Gain Six Senators and Many County Offices.

The Republicans made great gains in the State in the last election. They have elected three Congressmen, the Fifth, Eighth and Tenth, and secured many county offices. The Fifteenth Senatorial District composed of Johnson, Sampson and Harnett elected two Senators.

The Democratic majority in Johnson County was a little over two hundred and in Harnett about 400 while Sampson rolled up a Republican majority of about 1,100. In Tyrrell the Republicans elected the sheriff, and in Chatham they elected Sheriff J. J. Jenkins and the register of deeds. In Person County they elected Mr. F. O. Carver, member of all the offices and captured nearly all the offices in Forsythe, while in Buncombe Mr. J. J. Britt was elected to the Senate by about 500 votes, and Mr. Thos. Rollins was defeated for the House by twenty votes. And Brunswick elected their entire ticket. These are in addition to the counties that usually go Republican.

Mr. Cox, the Republican candidate for Governor, made a good run, receiving over 100,000 votes. The vote for governor was as follows:

COUNTIES	Kitchin.	Cox
Alamance	86	283
Alexander	100	100
Allegheny	100	100
Anson	1275	1275
Ashe	125	125
Beaufort	705	705
Bertie	1054	1054
Bladen	614	614
Brunswick	103	103
Buncombe	195	195
Burke	38	38
Cabarrus	210	210
Caldwell	209	209
Camden	264	264
Catawba	175	175
Caswell	550	550
Catawba	51	51
Chatham	166	166
Cherokee	450	450
Chowan	400	400
Clay	30	30
Cleveland	856	856
Columbus	856	856
Craven	1180	1180
Cumberland	761	761
Currituck	684	684
Dare	69	69
Davidson	259	259
Davie	361	361
Duplin	504	504
Durham	269	269
Edgecombe	1447	1447
Forsyth	124	124
Franklin	1661	1661
Gaston	798	798
Gates	450	450
Graham	39	39
Granville	1154	1154
Greene	1183	1183
Gulford	2009	2009
Halifax	2009	2009
Harnett	436	436
Haywood	690	690
Henderson	499	499
Hertford	587	587
Hyde	524	524
Iredell	787	787
Jackson	55	55
Johnston	229	229
Jones	359	359
Lee	300	300
Lenoir	598	598
Lincoln	180	180
Macon	130	130
Madison	1123	1123
Martin	1021	1021
McDowell	11	11
Mecklenburg	2848	2848
Mitchell	1222	1222
Montgomery	243	243
Moore	243	243
Nash	726	726
New Hanover	1827	1827
Northampton	570	570
Onslow	430	430
Orange	63	63
Familico	250	250
Pasquotank	783	783
Pender	738	738
Perquimans	141	141
Person	43	43
Pitt	1689	1689
Polk	75	75
Randolph	101	101
Richmond	740	740
Robeson	1890	1890
Rockingham	156	156
Rowan	1118	1118
Rutherford	182	182
Sampson	1022	1022
Scotland	705	705
Stanly	93	93
Stokes	548	548
Surry	390	390
Swain	190	190
Tennessee	22	22
Tyrrell	10	10
Union	1835	1835
Vance	600	600
Wake	1179	1179
Warren	1000	1000
Washington	8	8
Watauga	281	281
Wayne	824	824
Wilkes	1732	1732
Wilson	1068	1068
Yadkin	950	950
Yancey	150	150
Total	47321	10355

Kitchin's total majorities, 36,678.

## TOBACCO TRUST

American Tobacco Company An Illegal Combination.

VIOLATES THE SHERMAN LAW

The United States Circuit Court Decides That the American Tobacco Company is a Trust Operating in Restraint of Trade and Competition in Violation of the Anti-Trust Law—Injunction Should Issue—Suit Has Been in Progress Many Months.

New York, Nov. 7.—The contention of the government that the American Tobacco Company is a trust operating in restraint of trade and competition in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law was sustained today in decisions handed down by Judges Lacombe, Cox, and Noyes in the United States Circuit Court here. Judge Ward handed down a dissenting opinion. In the suit against the American Tobacco Company, which was prosecuted by James P. McReynolds and Edwin P. Grosvenor, special assistants of the United States Attorney General, the government asked for an injunction dissolving the combination of the American Tobacco Company and its sixty subsidiary companies on the ground that it was illegal in that it operated in restraint of trade and commerce. The government also asked the United States Circuit Court to appoint a receiver to wind up the affairs of the allied corporations.

While finding that there was an illegal combination as charged, Judges Lacombe, Cox and Noyes in their opinions say that injunctions should issue against all the defendants except the United Cigar Stores Company and the R. P. Richardson, Jr., Company. The injunctions are, however, stayed pending an appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

The petition asking for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the combination included in the combine was refused as being "impracticable and wholly unnecessary."

The Imperial Tobacco Company and the British-American Tobacco Company, English Corporations, were included in the government's suit, but the complaints against these companies were dismissed.

The government's complaints against the tobacco company included the names of a large number of subsidiary and allied companies, but not all of these are included in the decision handed down by the judges of the United States Circuit Court today.

The suit has been in progress many months and great volumes of testimony were taken both by the government and on behalf of the defendant companies. It developed from this testimony that the American Tobacco Company and its subsidiaries practically controlled the tobacco trade of the world. This control, so far as foreign markets is concerned, was shown to have been comparatively recent origin, however, and came about through the formation of a working agreement with a British corporation, which previously had controlled the production and consumption not only in Europe but in Asia as well.

The American Tobacco Company was formed under the laws of New Jersey in 1904, when the old American Tobacco Company, the Consolidated Company and the Continental Company were merged under a single head. The American Tobacco Company itself is capitalized at \$180,000,000. Its president is James B. Duke, but Thomas F. Ryan, the banker and capitalist, has been regarded as the dominant force in the great corporation.

## SENSATIONAL STREET DUEL

Ex-Senator Carmack Shot and Killed by Robin Cooper at Nashville, Tenn.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 9.—As a sequel to the recent bitter Democratic primary in Tennessee, Edward Ward Carmack, former United States Senator from Tennessee, was shot and killed in a street duel here this afternoon by Robin Cooper, a young attorney. Young Cooper was wounded in the shoulder by a bullet from Carmack's revolver and is tonight under police surveillance in a local hospital. His condition is not serious.

Carmack was wounded three times—in the neck, the breast and the left shoulder. Colonel Duncan B. Cooper father of the younger man, was with his son during the affray, but did not fire a shot. It is said he stood by with pistol in hand. He is detained tonight at police headquarters. The direct cause of the killing is a recent series of editorials in the Tennesseean a daily paper of which Mr. Carmack became editor after his defeat for the nomination for governor. The editorials in question have been vigorous in their comment on Colonel Cooper and his alleged connection with what Mr. Carmack termed the "Democratic machine," and its methods. Colonel Cooper, who is well known in business, newspaper and political circles in Tennessee and the South, had, it is said, notified Mr. Carmack that the references to him must cease. Another such editorial appeared this morning.

The men fought at close quarters and there were but few witnesses. It was past 4 o'clock in the dusk of the afternoon. They met on Seventh avenue north, directly in front of the Polk flats, a fashionable apartment house. Mr. Carmack had just lifted his hat to Mrs. Charles H. Eastman, a friend, who was passing. In a moment the firing began and Mrs. Eastman was a horrified witness at close range. So close was she that one of the Coopers is said to have charged Carmack with being a coward and hiding behind a woman. Cooper's friends charge that Carmack fired the first shot, but the dead man's friends stoutly protest that his opponent was the first to shoot.

## BUSINESS ACTIVITY

Railroads Throughout the Country Have Begun Wonderful Improvements.

BUSINESS CONFIDENCE RESTORED

Taft's Election Assurance to the Public That Roosevelt's Progressive Policies Will Be Continued—One Railroad to Expend \$31,000,000—Orders Placed Some Time Ago Contingent on Mr. Taft's Election.

Clarinda, Ia., Nov. 7.—"The greatest period of railroad extension work this country has ever had is upon us," says W. C. Brown, first vice president of the New York Central Railroad lines, who is visiting in Clarinda, where he has many property interests.

"The morning after election I sent out more than 100 telegrams releasing orders for railroad supplies and equipment for the New York Central lines alone, aggregating in cost \$31,000,000. I placed these orders some time ago, and made each order contingent upon the election of Mr. Taft."

"I can say positively that other railroads of this country have either already done so, or will within a few days, release orders like those of ours that will aggregate \$240,000,000 for equipment and material that will go into railroad building, extensions and improvements or rolling stock. I can tell you also, that enough orders have been placed with the gigantic steel industries of this country to keep them working for a whole year at their maximum if they would not receive another order."

"All this means just one thing, namely, that the greatest period of railroad extension work we have yet had is upon us. In every department of commerce and business the country is sure to progress over and beyond the point it had attained in the fall of 1907, when temporary lack of confidence and the approach of the national campaign conspired to check business and we are now entering upon a period of even greater prosperity and business activity than we have ever known before."

Manufacturing Interests Active.

New York, Nov. 7.—That the important manufacturing interests of this country are about to put to work at least 650,000 idle men is indicated by a canvass made by the national association of manufacturers, the result of which will be published in the forthcoming issue of its magazine American Industries. The canvass on which this statement was based was made ten days before election.

Prosperity Hits Tennessee.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 6.—The Queen and Crescent railroad has put over three hundred to work within the past week. The shops in this city have resumed operations on full time with a complete force of men. The road's officials report business nearly as good for October as for the same month last year.

SHOT FATHER TO SAVE MOTHER'S LIFE.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 6.—Fearful lest his father strike his mother, whom he was pursuing with an axe which he held raised, Ernest T. Hayes, twenty years old and mortally wounded by T. Hayes at Belmont, a suburb of this city, tonight. The youth at once surrendered to the police.

The father was taken to the Presbyterian hospital, where it is said he will die. The bullet entered the back of the head and lodged in the brain. The trouble grew out of the demand of Hayes for money which he had given his wife. When the demand was refused the man seized an axe and pursued his wife.

To attending physicians the father stated that his boy was justified in shooting him, and begged that he be not prosecuted.

"NIGHT RIDERS" IN TENNESSEE.

One Seen Setting Fire to Saw Mill, But Makes His Escape.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 7.—Late last night while Brown Brown of the J. & C. Brown Sawmill Company at Linton, was in the plant together with several detectives, a guard detected a man in the act of setting fire to the mill. The alarm was given but the intruder jumped from a high bank into the river and escaped amid a fusillade of shots. For several weeks the Brown Company has received threats and warnings. Shortly after the shooting of last night an inspection of the place was made and the following notice signed "night riders" was found posted on the mill:

"Brown: You'd better shut down your mill, or you'll be shut down."

Several men have recently been dismissed by the Browns.

Another Gin Burned by Night Riders in Texas.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 9.—Governor Campbell has been advised that another cotton gin was burned in Henderson County by night riders Saturday night and that the spirit of incendiarism is spreading to other counties in that section.

Roosevelt May Be Senator.

Friends Suggest His As The Successor Of Senator Platt.

Washington, Nov. 6.—That the President may be the successor of Senator Platt in the Senate is considered by many in Washington as not at all improbable. Those who regard this as possible declare they have assurance from the President himself that he would not be entirely averse to the acceptance of the Senatorial office under conditions as they will be after March 4. So far as is known he had made no recent expression on the subject.

It is suggested that the absence of the President on his African hunting expedition might relieve the situation of embarrassment to him in case his friends should desire to press his name.

Election Will Be Held in Cuba Saturday.

Havana, Nov. 8.—On Saturday next elections will be held throughout the island for President, Vice President, Senators and Representatives in the lower house of Congress to whom, according to the present program, will be committed the fate of the restored Cuban republic on the termination of the government of intervention, January 28th, 1909. The troops of the United States will be withdrawn on that date.