

EDITORIAL BRIEFS

The Democratic majority in this State continues to dwindle.

Now is the time to begin the campaign in this State for two years hence.

No, we do not believe the Democrats will apply for a patent for their primary system.

They are selling "whiskey sandwiches" in Alabama. Look out for the new fad in North Carolina.

Colliers Weekly says the Democratic party today means nothing. Further comment is unnecessary.

We don't know whether it is "Night Riders" in this State or whether the "Red Shirts" bobbed up again.

The murder record in this State is becoming alarming. The former Governor ought to explain the cause.

The Democratic party will have to buy a new donkey before the next campaign. Bryan has ridden the old one to death.

The Hickory Mercury observes that in the landslide the Republicans got the White House and the Democrats got the Kitchen.

The Democrats who had picked out the Federal offices they were to hold are naturally very sore over the result of the election.

Taft received 113,000 votes in this State, and we have heard it said that many of them who voted for Taft were right decent men.

Bryan's majority in this State this year was reduced to about 20,000, and we will give those to Taft four years from now.

We note from Governor Glenn's Thanksgiving Proclamation that he says the State is out of debt. That is good news that we were not before aware of.

An exchange says now is the time to plant rye. What is the use of planting rye now? Don't you know the State will be dry after the first of the year.

Some of the Democratic papers are already talking about having the next Legislature to create new offices as a reward for those who have helped the party.

We note Chairman Mack, of the Democratic National Executive Committee, says that he will foot all bills due. It is good to have "an angel" along in time of need.

Some of the newspaper men are now denying that they ever predicted Bryan's election.

Don't blame them after scanning the election returns.

Some of the Democratic politicians are talking of reading the men out of the party who scratched the ticket this year. But we don't see how they can read them out when as a matter of fact they are already out.

The News and Observer says you can buy all the people part of the time.

We have never had any experience along that line; but we just don't believe it.

Even if the Republicans deposited any ballots in the rural mail boxes, as was suggested by some Democrats, it seems that they also got enough in the right boxes to make the Democratic politicians sit up and take notice.

Mr. B. S. Royster, of Oxford, has announced himself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Fifth District two years hence.

Mr. Royster is evidently of the opinion that the early bird catches the worm.

An exchange says that the big slump in the Democratic vote this year was due to the fact that the Republicans got too many votes.

No, they didn't get too many votes, but they received enough so as not to leave any doubt as to who the next President will be.

A SPECIAL SESSION

President-elect Taft Will Call Extraordinary Session of Congress After His Inauguration.

TO REVISE THE TARIFF

The Extra Session Will Be Called Soon After 4th of March—Mr. Taft Called to Cincinnati on Private Matters—The President-elect and Family Will Go to Augusta, Ga., the Middle of December, Where Mr. Taft Will Rest for Six Weeks.

Washington, Nov. 15.—That a special session of the Sixty-first Congress will be called soon after the 4th of March to take up the matter of tariff revision, became positively known today when William H. Taft, President-elect, after spending the day at the White House as the guest of President Roosevelt, stated that he intended to call the special session to meet as soon after his inauguration as would be reasonable.

Judge Taft left at 7:05 o'clock tonight for Cincinnati, O., where he had been summoned on matters of family importance. The call to Judge Taft to come to Cincinnati necessitated a hasty change of plans, so that instead of returning to Hot Springs, Va., from Brooklyn, N. Y., at 11 p. m., he left for his home over the Pennsylvania several hours earlier.

The day proved to be a busy one for the President-elect. He spent the night at the White House, and breakfasted this morning with his family. During the early forenoon the President and the President-elect discussed matters of importance to the present and the incoming administration.

Politics was discussed at luncheon at which Secretary of State Root and Representative Nicholas Longworth also were the President's guests.

Concerning his plans for the future, Mr. Taft said he would go to Augusta, Ga., on the evening of December 16th or the morning of December 17th, where he and Mrs. Taft would seek rest for a month and a half.

He expressed his pleasure that the elections in Cuba had been held without any disturbance.

A Filipino newspaper man asked the President-elect if he had any message for his people.

"Nothing other than to say that if personal inclinations were to control me I would find more pleasure in what I do for them than in any other line," was the reply.

Judge Taft was asked if he had noticed the reference by Democrats of the ways and means committee which now is holding hearings on the tariff, to his views in regard to the tariff on products of the Philippines.

"My experience with the Democrats in regard to the tariff," he replied, "is that they want free trade on everything that is in the next country." At least, he added, that was true of the Philippine tariff.

LETTER FROM BILKINS.

Comment on the Late Election—Bilkins Wants to Know About the Big Campaign Fund: Must be Some Mistake—The Major Would Spend Money in a Campaign—Mr. Hearst and Newspapers.

Correspondence of the Caucasian-Enterprise.

Bilkinsville, N. C., Nov. 16, 1908. The election has been over and gone and they ain't no use in frettin' about hit. We air beat, az usual, an' that ends hit.

But I would like ter know what becom of that \$3,000,000 that we Dymakrats sed the Republikins had set aside ter defeat Bryan with. Hez anybody seed anything ov hit a-floatin' around? I wonder if hit iz still huntin' for an owner?

My candid opinion iz that this thing ov accusin' the Republikins ov spendin' millyuns ov dollars in every campaign iz the main cause ov our downfall. The truth, an' the whole truth, iz, that we dymakrats think 'set az much ov money az the Republikins, or a little more, an' what in the world iz the use ov raisin' air 'bout what the other fellers air 'bout ter do, even if hit wuz a fack? Why, if we dymakrats could we would raise three hundred millyun dollars for each campaign. Ov course the poor, hard-workin' voters might 'set, if we could, we would hev that much—a hundred times as much as we accused the Republikins ov havin'—an' we would not bat an eye nor blush a blush. Our campaign managers would awl go to church on the Sunday before the election an' they would sit an' sing "Amazin' Grace, How Sweet the Sound," az loud az the next one an' would look az sanctimonious az biled owls.

Yes, "money makes the mare go," an' erlong erbout election time hit makes her spruce up an' go at erbout double speed.

Az a matter ov fack I expect that the Republikins do chip in an' raise a few dollars ter run the campaign,

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COTTON-GROWERS HAVE CONFERENCE

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RECEIVER FOR INDUSTRIAL NEWS.

The Paper Will, for the Present, Continue Publication, the Receiver Taking Charge of Receipts.

GREENSBORO, N. C., NOV. 16.—

In the United States court Saturday afternoon Judge James E. Boyd named W. I. Underwood as receiver of the Daily Industrial News, the appointment being made on the petition of certain creditors presented to the court by G. S. Bradshaw as attorney. The receiver is ordered by the court to continue the publication of the paper, and he is "directed to employ any and all necessary help in the advancement of his trusts." The subpoena on the bankrupt corporation is made returnable next Saturday. The assets and liabilities of the company are unknown at this time.

United States District Attorney A. E. Henton obtained judgment against the corporation for \$800 due him for rent of the building.

An execution levy was made on receipts of the corporation. Following this levy came bankruptcy proceedings on petition of W. J. Martin, of Raleigh; R. E. Carmichael, of Winston-Salem, correspondents; the Postal Telegraph Company, Carolina Real Estate and Investment Company and other creditors. The paper will, for the present, continue publication, Receiver Underwood taking charge of receipts.

ELECTION FRAUD CHARGED

Two Cumberland Citizens Arrested For Alleged Conspiracy in Obtaining Tax Receipt.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Fayetteville, Nov. 14.—Warrants were issued today for the arrest of L. W. Beard and M. B. Hall, of Beavertown township, this county, on the charge of conspiracy in fraudulently obtaining a county tax receipt during the recent campaign. Beard signed an affidavit which was circulated the day before the election by the supporters of the "Citizen's Ticket," charging Sheriff Watson, the Democratic candidate for re-election, with issuing to him a tax receipt dated back, in order that he might be able to vote on Beard's word that he had lost his receipt. Sheriff Watson in accord denounced as false this charge, declaring that Beard represented that his receipt had been lost, whereupon a duplicate was given him, though it was afterwards discovered that Beard had not paid his taxes at all. Warrants will later be issued against Beard on charges of slander and illegal voting.

F. J. HENEY SHOT IN COURT ROOM.

San Francisco Graft Prosecutor Victim of Exposed Juryman—Would-be Assassin Suicides.

San Francisco, Nov. 13.—Francis J. Heney, a leading figure in the prosecution of municipal corruption in San Francisco, was shot and seriously wounded at 4:22 p. m., today in Judge Lawler's courtroom, by Morris Haas, a Jewish saloonkeeper, who had been accepted as a juror in a previous trial of Abraham Ruef and afterwards removed, as it had been shown in court by Heney that Haas was an ex-convict—a fact not brought out in his examination as a witness.

The shooting of Heney occurred in the presence of many persons in the courtroom, in a recess in the trial of Abraham Ruef, on trial for the third time on the charge of bribery. At 6 p. m., Mr. Heney regained consciousness and will likely recover.

After being taken to prison Haas committed suicide.

Those held by Justice of the Peace Foulker are: James, George and Ike Murphy, Joseph Arnold and Mrs. Arnold.

Aged Woman Taken from Her Bed and Tarred and Feathered.

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 13.—Four men and one woman have been arrested at Martinsburg on the charge of administering tar and feathers to Mrs. Jane Weber, an aged housekeeper for John Murphy, residing between Johnston and Hedgeville.

The woman was taken from her bed late at night. There was no apparent cause for the brutality. The woman is in a serious condition and may die.

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Clerk Arrested for Robbing the Mails

Columbus, Ga., Nov. 14.—Roy Bagley, chief clerk in the Columbus postoffice, was today bound over to United States court by Commissioner Brown on the charge of robbing the mails. Bagley was caught by a decoy letter containing marked bills which were found on his person when he was arrested, according to the testimony of two United States inspectors at the preliminary hearing.

Henderson Has a Big Fire.

Henderson, Nov. 14.—The second largest fire in the history of this town in thirty years occurred this morning at 4:30 o'clock, when Parham Bros' four-story brick building bagging factory was totally destroyed, with its adjoining buildings on Wynder avenue. By strenuous efforts the residences on the opposite side of the street were saved.

Captain Goes Down With Tug in Pamlico Sound.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 12.—News reached this city this afternoon of the sinking of the tug Hampton this morning in Pamlico Sound, N. C., during the prevalence of a severe northwest gale, and of the loss of Captain W. J. Rawley, commander.

CHINA IN MOURNING

Emperor and the Dowager Empress Both Dead.

AN INFANT ON THE THRONE

Quickly Following the Death of the Emperor, Royal Edict Announces the Death of His Mother, the Autocratic Head of the Chinese Empire—The Three-Year-Old Son of Prince Chun Placed Upon the Throne—Prince Regent Orders a Hundred Days of Mourning—Court to Mourn for Three Years.

Peking, China, Nov. 14.—The emperor of China died shortly after five o'clock this evening. As early as three o'clock this afternoon it was reported that the Emperor's death was regarded as imminent.

The Foreign Board of the Government has confirmed the report circulated yesterday that the Dowager Empress is mortally ill.

Peking, Nov. 15.—Tse Hsi, the Dowager Empress of China, the autocratic head of the government, which she directed without successful interference since 1861 and without protest since 1881, died at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The announcement of the Dowager Empress' death was official and followed closely upon the announcement that Kuang-Hsu, the Emperor, had died yesterday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but it is believed that the death of both the Emperor and the Dowager Empress occurred a considerable time before that set down in the official statements.

An edict issued at 8 o'clock this morning placed upon the throne Prince Pu-Yi, the three-year-old son of Prince Chun, the Regent of the Empire, in accordance with a promise given by the Dowager Empress soon after the marriage of Prince Chun in 1903. An edict issued on Friday made Pu-Yi heir presumptive.

Prince Chun, the Regent, has ordered the viceroys and Governors to take precautions for the continuation of the administration of the provinces heretofore, and he has ordered a hundred days of mourning. The court will go into mourning for three years.

Deathbed observances of three thousand years ago marked the passing of the Emperor and Dowager. They died alone and unattended, although surrounded by circles of silent spectators, who remained a respectful distance, on account of the sacred persons of their majesties, they could not be approached. The Emperor died as he had lived, without ministrations of whatever kind, or scientific aid.

OVER THREE HUNDRED MINERS PERISH.

Terrible Explosion in Mine in Germany—Only Thirty-Six Persons Saved.

Berlin, Nov. 13.—Sealed up in a mine and doomed to die by fire or suffocation is the fate of 365 miners who were trapped in a pit at Hamm, Westphalia, by an explosion of coal dust.

There were 400 in the works of the Radbod mine when the disaster occurred, and of these only thirty-six were taken out alive. Most of them were so badly burned that they are expected to die.

Those who were not instantly killed by the force of the explosion, which was of unusual violence, were soon doomed to death by fire that spread with such rapidity as to make the work of rescue impossible and caused the mine owners to flood and hermetically close the opening of the shaft in order to extinguish the advancing flames.

The bodies of thirty-seven dead had already been brought to the surface, together with the injured before the mine opening was sealed.

SECRETARY OF NAVY RESIGNS

Mr. Metcalf Will Retire on Account of Ill-Health—Will be Succeeded by T. H. Newberry.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Secretary of the Navy, Victor Howard Metcalf, of California, today tendered his resignation to President Roosevelt, to take effect on December 1st. Announcement was made immediately afterward of the appointment of Truman Handy Newberry, of Michigan, as Secretary.

American Tobacco Company Will Have Rival in Durham.

Durham, N. C., Nov. 13.—The American Tobacco Company has a competitor in the field right here at home in the new smoking tobacco concern inaugurated by W. L. Walker, an old Durham resident but now of New York. They will do business under the name of the Khedivial Company. A new brand of smoking tobacco is to be made named "Walker's Durham." Mr. Walker has been served with a notice that to appropriate in whole or in part the name "Durham" would result in a suit for infringement.