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EDITORIAL BRIEFS

To-day should be a day of Thanksgiving throughout the country.

The "Starch Trust" is now under fire. That's a stiff proposition.

Notice to Trespassers!—Democratic politicians will please stay out of the Republican pastures.

Every time any one says anything about local self-government certain Democratic politicians have an attack of liquor-phobia.

The Democrats are of the opinion that something broke loose in Georgia on November 3rd. Taft carried twenty-seven counties in that State.

If any member of the Standard Oil Trust was in favor of the Republican candidate for President, they had a poor way of showing it.

The Democratic politicians are having a squabble over who shall be the Speaker of the House during the next session of the Legislature.

The Hickory Times Mercury puts it this way:

"Governor Glenn says he has quit politics. We congratulate politics."

If the head of the Standard Oil Trust was in favor of Mr. Taft for President, he did not contribute anything to help conduct his campaign.

In Yadkin County the Democratic candidate for the State Senate received only thirty-five votes. Democrats are getting very scarce in Yadkin.

Before the election Bryan said this was a Democratic year. If this was a Democratic year, what will we do for them when a Republican year rolls around?

The Democrats are boasting Champ Clark for leader of the minority in Congress. It seems that only one of the "blood and thunder" variety will fill the bill for them.

If Mr. Bryan expects to get the Democratic nomination for President in 1912, he must expect to get it without the support of New York, for he has practically read Tammany Hall out of the party.

Before the election Governor Glenn is reported to have said that North Carolina would go Democratic by 50,000 majority. Mr. Glenn may make a good Sunday-school lecturer, but he will never be numbered among the prophets.

The News and Observer says that the "divine right" of the almighty dollar to rule in America still flourishes. No, the dollar does not rule in America. As proof that it does not, ask those who contributed their dollar to the Democratic campaign fund. The people still rule in America.

A Western paper says that the Southern newspapers do not give much evidence of a proper appreciation of the South's political opportunity that is in a position to control the Democratic party and compel the party at the North and in the West to be Democratic. This Western paper certainly has not read the recent election returns from down this way. The fact is, the South is getting in a position where it cannot longer compel itself to be Democratic, much less compel others.

The curse of the Republican party in the South has been the referee plan which has resulted in the building up of a patronage machine to dominate and blight the party's growth. In nearly every Southern State this close corporation of a patronage machine has absolutely succeeded in preventing the party from growing. In North Carolina the party has grown in spite of the machine, and it has now grown so large that the people are determined to run over the machine and rid themselves of the yoke that would keep them in the bondage of a political minority. The handwriting is on the wall and the patronage machine must go, and when it does, then North Carolina will go Republican and a daily Republican newspaper will live and prosper and have commanding influence.

LETTER FROM BILKINS.

Election Regrets Still Tear the Heart of Major Bilkins—It Required Strenuous Efforts to Carry Bilkinsville Democratic by One Majority. The Craziest Woman Alive—The Major Defends Corn Meal Mush.

Correspondence of The Caucasian-Enterprise.

Bilkinsville, N. C., Nov. 23, 1908.

I tell you, I can't get over that dad blamed election we had a week or two ago. Hit wuz the worst that ever happened, I reckon. Of course, hit won't do any gude ter shed tears an' lose sleep. But I tell you we air ruined, my feller citizens. So far as I kin see, we dyamkrats ain't got nothin' left but Jodeesevurs Daniels an' a lot of worn-out excuses. We had ter steal like the dickens, an' count from erway back, an' still we didn't much more than carry North Carolina, losing several counties an' two Congressional districts. An' Georgy only went dyamkratik by twelve or fourteen thousand. My land! but they iz goin' ter be terrible times in the South next time we try ter hold an' election! West Virgin' iz gone whirlin', so iz Maryland. Kentucky cum mity nigh goin' Louisiana iz shaky. Tennessee can't be depended on much longer, fer that State iz developin' fast, an' whenever a State gits sorter up in the world hit begins ter crawl into the doubtful column, az we pollytishuns say. Perlickly speakin', awl we dyamkrats hev got left iz in the South, fer none ov the Northern States air likely ter go dyamkratik exsept in State matters, az they sometimes do, fer years ter cuf. Hit iz only a question ov time, probably three more ov the Southern States will fine Maryland an' West Virgin' an' becom' Republickin. Then we dyamkrats won't hev nothin' left but Jodeesevurs Daniels an' a strong smell ov brimstone. When that happens, I am goin' ter hitch Bob ter a one-mule wagon, put a cloth cover on hit, an' go West. I'll ship Bilkinsville by freight an' rebuild the town erway out on the plains whar they ain't nothin' but pure air ter carry hit dyamkratik, fer I won't live under a Republickin government az long az they iz a spot left az big az my hand on which ter locate Bilkinsville. Az hit stands Bilkinsville iz in the doubtful column now. We uster carry the town solidly dyamkratik. But the vote stood five dyamkrats ter four Republickins in the late election, we pollin' a total ov nine votes. So you see a change ov one vote will ruin our business. If we hadn't used money so freely, an' hadn't held three barbecues, the town would hev gone Republickin this year az sure az Christmas, fer they wuz at least two ov our leadin' citizens that took mity careful nussin' awthout the late campaign. We awlso had ter order several lots ov liquor from Louisville, Ken., fer awl though the two siffzins menshoned voted fer State prohibition, they sed that the drouth wuz sumptin' awful in this malarial climate. But, az a matter ov course, they wuz no malarial in a hundred miles ov here, exsept in the throats ov the aforesaid siffzins.

I notice by the papers that a New Jersey woman hev sued her husband fer divorce because he iz "unreasonably religious." Now, don't that jar you? Hit wouldn't surprise me ter hear any day that erbout half ov the wimin' in the land hev sued fer divorce because their husbands hain't got a speck ov religion. I know that this iz the situashun in North Carolina, an' az I sed, nothin' would surprise me. But what iz botherin' me iz how any New Jersey woman lived long enuff ter git crazy enuff ter imagine that her husband wuz "unreasonably religious." She ought ter be pitched into the nearest insane asylum headforemost an' should be kept in a steel cage, fer she iz crazy ter the danger point.

I see that a postmaster in Maryland hev resigned because the stamps he sold, awl the pay he got, only amounted ter twenty-five cents a day. Why they iz plenty ov people in North Carolina whar would take an' oiks like that an' they would think they wuz rite up next ter the Preserdent ov the United States. Them Maryland people must be awful hard ter please.

I read this squib in an agricultural paper the other day: "When people get down to eatin' corn meal mush, az the pioneers did, they can begin to complain about hard times." Now, hit iz plain ter me that the editor ov this grate agricultural paper don't know any more than the editors ov sum other papers, agricultural or perlickal. "When they get down to eatin' corn meal mush!" You poor, ignorant editor! You mean when they get "up" ter eatin' corn meal mush, don't you? Did you ever eat mush with ham or chicken gravy on it fer breakfast? Did you, poor, ignorant editor, ever eat mush an' milk fer supper, after the nights get cool, say in November, December, or January? Hit iz plain that you never did, or else hit iz plain that you air not a human critter, an' that you hain't got the taste ov a man erbout you, or you would appreciate a gude thing.

Yes, mush iz the life ov the land. No man iz fit ter be Preserdent ov these grate United States unless he iz fond ov mush an' gravy an' mush an' milk. I wuz awlmost ready ter say that I'd pledge myself never ter vote

THREE LYNCHED

A Tennessee Mob Get Swift Vengeance.

CITY AUTHORITIES ARE OVERPOWERED

The Negroes Had Killed an Officer in a Pitched Battle—They Were Later Surrounded by an Angry Mob and Swung Up and Their Bodies Riddled With Bullets.

Union City, Pa., Nov. 24.—The little town of Tiptonville, bordering on Reelfoot Lake, which has been the scene of many stirring incidents the past month, witnessed the lynching, late to-day, of three negroes, who were arrested this morning for murdering Special Deputy Richard Burris, and fatally wounding John Hall, a deputy sheriff. The negroes are:

Marshall Stineback.
Edward Stineback.
Jim Stineback.

These brothers created a disturbance at a religious meeting near Tiptonville, Saturday night, and when the two officers attempted to arrest them a fight ensued, the negroes coming out victorious and made their escape.

It was barely daylight Sunday morning before a posse of citizens from Tiptonville and the surrounding country were in pursuit of the negroes, and they were surrounded and captured in a little swamp near the village of Ridgeley. The vicinity is known as the "old river bed cane brake" and it is difficult to trace man or beast through its tangles. The negroes were quickly landed in jail at Tiptonville. The news of their capture spread rapidly to the surrounding territory and in addition to the several hundred members of the posse and in the vicinity began arriving by road, and soon the jail was surrounded by a mob which later did the work.

For another man fer Preserdent who would not promise ter hev mush an' milk fer his supper at least eight months out ov twelve after he gits in the White House an' thus insure a wise an' faithful administration. But, after takin' the second thought, I'll not do hit, fer hit would be jist like the dyamkrat party ter hunt eround an' put a man on the next Preserdent ticket who iz opposed ter mush an' milk an' run a resolution in the platform makin' a sweepin' attack on mush an' milk az an article ov food, an' then I'd hev ter give up eatin' hit or bolt the ticket, neither ov which I am willin' ter do.

Az ever,

ZEKE BILKINS.

TO CONTEST ELECTION.

Reporter That Mr. John A. Smith Will Contest the Election of Mr. Webb.

(Special to Raleigh Times.)

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 20.—It is probable that John A. Smith, recent Republican candidate for Congress in the Ninth District, will contest the election of E. Yates Webb, his Democratic rival, who will get the certificate of election.

Mr. Smith was in Greensboro yesterday and did not hesitate to say that he had been cheated out of the election. He said that he is not yet certain that he will make a contest, but said that he has been investigating the alleged crookedness on the part of the Democrats in certain counties.

Two of the most open acts of crookedness, said Mr. Webb, were in Township No. 14, known as Grape Vine, Madison County, and in Yancey County. Mr. Smith alleged that, in Grape Vine, the registrar left the polling-place, carrying off the poll books and registration book, and no election was held in that township. He said that that township would have given him (Smith) about one hundred majority. He further alleges that in Yancey County two hundred to two hundred and fifty persons voted for Webb who got their poll-tax receipt after May 1st.

Over Forty Billions Feet of Lumber Sawed Last Year.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Records for all years in lumber production in the United States were broken by the output of 1907, as shown in the report of the Census Bureau of the Department of Commerce and Labor just issued.

Over forty billions feet of lumber were sold to 28,650 saw-mills in the United States last year, exceeding the previous year's output by two and three-quarter billion feet. Its value of \$666,641,367 also surpasses the previous year's value of \$45,489,979.

Ten Persons Killed in a Steamer Explosion.

New Orleans, Nov. 21.—Ten persons are dead and twice as many injured in the Mississippi River steamer H. M. Carter, near Bayou Goula, about one miles north of New Orleans.

CONTRACT DISEASE FROM CATTLE

New York and Pennsylvania Are Quarantined Against Inter-State Shipments of Cattle and Rigid Investigations Is in Progress—England Orders Quarantine Against Importation.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Alarming results following the outbreaks of a contagious foot and mouth disease in New York and Pennsylvania causing those States to be quarantined against inter-state shipments of cattle, etc., were shown to-day in advice which reached Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, stating that four children in Danville, Pa., had contracted the disease. A rigid investigation is in progress in Danville and elsewhere to determine whether others have become similarly affected. The officials believe that the situation is grave and will require energetic and concerted action by the State and Federal authorities to check the disease.

England's Quarantine Against New York and New Jersey.

London, Nov. 20.—The Board of Agriculture at a late hour to-day was informed officially of the extension among cattle into the State of New York and it this evening issued an order prohibiting the importation of cattle, hay or straw from either New York or New Jersey.

Business at Stock Yards Tied Up.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 20.—Business at the stock yards here was completely tied up when at a meeting of East Buffalo Live Stock Association to-night the members adopted a resolution calling on all the railroads to cancel all orders for shipments of cattle or swine to or through Buffalo. The Association formally approved the stringent measures of quarantine used by Chief Melvin, of Washington, D. C., and Commissioner Pearson, of the State Department of Agriculture.

THREE YOUTHFUL FIREBUGS.

Arrested in Norfolk for Setting Fire to Several Buildings.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 20.—Three infantile firebugs, the revelations of whose operations are startling to police and firemen, have been arrested here.

Commenting about a month ago, and continuing for ten days, the outbreak of fires in the city, recurring with alarming frequency, kept the firemen working overtime. Incendiarism was suspected, and the police kept a close lookout for the culprits.

An unsuccessful attempt to burn a saloon at the corner of Monticello Avenue and Washington Street yesterday afternoon was followed by the arrest of three boys.

Sampel Epstein, who is but six years old, without fear, told Police Captain Ford and Fire Chief McLaughlin of how his brother Teddy, five years old, started a fire at the corner of Monticello Avenue and Washington Street that destroyed the life of an infant and burned buildings which, with their contents, were valued at \$34,550, on October 19th and 20th.

Each of the others under arrest admitted having been present at the starting of at least one fire. It was in these confessions that they implicated each other in the starting of other fires.

A HOMICIDE AT DALLAS.

Arthur Jarrett Has an Encounter With Chriss Grigg and Stabs Him in the Heart.

Dallas, N. C., Nov. 21.—A shocking homicide occurred here early last evening when Arthur Jarrett, aged about seventeen, and a son of C. H. Jarrett, a merchant, plunged a knife into the heart of Chriss Grigg, the same age, a young cotton mill operative.

Earlier in the day, it is stated, the two had some words, when Jarrett made a slurring remark to Grigg. The killing occurred in front of Green Brown's store, and the weapon used by Jarrett was a pocket-knife, Grigg being cut through the heart and death being almost instantaneous.

Found Her Twin Children Dead in Bed.

Mount Airy, N. C., Nov. 20.—The twin babies of Mrs. Graveley, of this city, only about four months old, were found dead in bed on the 16th instant. Mr. Graveley was killed by lightning when the twins were only a few hours old, and only recently Mrs. Graveley moved to town, thinking she could get along better in town than in the country. It is a mystery what caused the death of both children at the same time. On arising, the mother noticed nothing wrong, but on returning after other duties had been looked after to give the infants proper attention, she was horrified to find both little ones dead.

Tied Wife's Tongue.

Akron, Ohio, Nov. 20.—Charging that her husband tied a cord around her tongue to keep her from talking, Mrs. Alexander Zalovics, of Barberstown, had him arrested on a charge of cruelty. Zalovics pleaded guilty, saying his wife's incessant talk had driven him wild.

TAFT AND CANNON

Some Interesting Stories From North Carolina.

THE ELECTION OF MOREHEAD

Those Who Know Him Best Say He Will Be an Efficient and Independent Congressman—The Big Republican Gain in North Carolina Was Not the Result of the State Organization—The Reversership of the Industrial News.

Special to The Caucasian.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 23, 1908.

The Capitol is already beginning to fill with Representatives and Senators for the opening of Congress. Nearly every one has some special view as to the political situation and a different reason as to why it happened or did not happen. A number have brought back some fresh political stories and incidents of the campaign that are always interesting.

Taft and Cannon.

The chief question of serious discussion, however, is just what kind of tariff revision there should be and as to whether or not President-elect Taft and Speaker Cannon can agree, and if they do agree, will Taft yield to Cannon or will Cannon yield to Taft, and if so, how much, and vice-versa. Following this phase of the situation, comes always the live-wire of inquiry, if they do not agree will Taft fight Cannon; and if so, will he beat Cannon for Speaker, and if he does, beat Cannon, will he disrupt the House so that he will secure less reform than if he had compromised with Cannon?

Of course, at this stage all of this discussion is preliminary and speculative. The knowing and thoughtful ones say that Cannon will, of course, have to come to the terms of the Republican platform promises, or that Taft will have to oppose him. But if Cannon will be no more than any other member of the House, is what they say, and such has been the experience of the past.

Some Interesting Stories From North Carolina.

There have been a number of North Carolinians in Washington during the past week, and some of them have talked quite freely, giving some most interesting stories of political situations and developments during the last campaign. Practically every Republican outside of the close corporation of the patronage machine has stated that it is the general belief in the State that if the State Chairman had been competent for his job and had run an intelligent and vigorous campaign, that the State would have gone Republican, not only giving the electoral vote of the State to Taft for President, but also electing Cox for Governor. Several have come armed with figures showing that the change of less than enough votes which were necessary to elect Cox, distributed in the close counties, would have made the Legislature Republican, and this view seems to be very reasonable. One thing seems to be certain, and that is that the great Republican gain in North Carolina was not the result of the State organization but resulted in spite of it.

The Election of Morehead.

One of the most interesting stories is about the election of John Motley Morehead for Congress in the Fifth District. It seems to be the general opinion that in the first place Morehead would not have been permitted to get the nomination if Adams and his clique had supposed there was any chance of his election, and another thing is that Chairman Adams not only did nothing to help elect him, but was the most astonished man in the State when he found he was elected.

Another story is that Morehead and his managers knew that they could expect no help from the State organization to know what they were doing. The intimation is that they feared that somebody might try to put a spider in the ointment. Of course, it will be just like Adams now, since Morehead is elected, to attempt to claim the credit for it and to attempt to have some influence and control over him; but those who know Morehead best feel satisfied that he will not only be an efficient and independent Congressman, but will exercise his influence against the old blighting referee system and favor a progressive policy of building up the party and carrying the whole State.

The Daily Industrial News.

Another story is to the effect that the State machine has been long figuring in what way it could most gracefully discontinue the Daily Industrial News without being charged with direct responsibility for wrecking the paper. It is said that they made no serious and successful effort to have the paper grow in circulation and increase its advertising business, but that they deliberately allowed the paper to run its advertising list to less than half what it formerly was and its advertising business to wain and then assessed postmasters and other Federal officials sufficient money to keep it going un-

til the campaign was over, and that one of the reasons that Adams expected to give to show that he wanted to continue the paper was the heavy assessments he put upon the Federal office-holders to keep it going.

It was remarked by an observant and intelligent Republican in discussing this matter that, if there had been any honest desire to make the Daily Industrial News a success and to keep it going, with a little well-directed effort in pushing its circulation and advertising business through a period when there were such great gains coming naturally and in spite of no organized effort to bring them to the party, that the paper's circulation could have been increased to a greater point than ever in its history.

The fact that this was not done shows two things: first, that the State organization was not trying to do anything to make the State Republican; and, second, that they were not trying to do anything to build up and establish the paper as a success; and it may be said, shows thirdly, that the paper actually had no effective part in making these Republican gains, for if it had its circulation would have been increased instead of diminished during the campaign.

Another Republican observed that if the State organization had not wanted to wreck the paper they would never have permitted it to have gone into the hands of a receiver, for it is well-known that such action would have at once had a bad effect upon its finances. Another Republican, who was present during this conversation, suggested that probably it was the purpose of the organization to reorganize the paper, freeze out all of the stockholders, and buy in the hands of a few of that coterie. If this view should be correct, then it is clear that some big fund has been raised from somewhere to run the paper as a personal organ; because every one knows that the paper can not be run successfully unless it is run as a broad, progressive paper, fighting primarily for the advancement of Republican principles and the success of the Republican party.

It is perfectly clear to any one who knows about the political situation in North Carolina or about the newspaper business that if the management of the campaign in North Carolina had been in competent hands that had desired to win that not only could the State have been carried Republican at this time but that the Industrial News could have been put on a paying basis at the same time.

SHOT HIM IN THE DARK.

Bravery of Mrs. Maude Feamster, Who Found a Burglar in Her Room at Night.

Spencer, N. C., Nov. 20.—"If you make a noise I will kill you," were the words that greeted Mrs. Maude Feamster in the darkness of her home near East Spencer last night when she discovered a burglar in her room. Immediately a pistol shot rang out and the midnight robber fled, leaving trails of his own blood behind. Mrs. Feamster had fired up on him in the dark and her aim had been good. A search was at once made, but the burglar had made good his escape and there is no clue to his identity.

TAFT TO SPEAK ON SOUTH.

He Will Address Members of North Carolina Society at New York.

New York, Nov. 18.—"A Program for the South" will be the general subject of the addresses at the annual dinner of the North Carolina Society of New York at the Hotel Astor, December 7th, at which William H. Taft will be the principal speaker. Announcement to this effect was made to-night by the Society, which is arranging for other speakers of note upon this occasion. Mr. Taft's speech, it is expected, will be of a character to command National attention and of particular interest to the people of the Southern States.

93 BAPTISMS IN 2 1/2 HOURS.

Negro Ministers Holds Aid Records for Dipping Converts.

Roanoke, Va., Nov. 22.—Rev. W. R. Brown, of the First Baptist Church (colored), of this city, to-day broke all previous records in the baptizing of converts. There were ninety-three immersions, and the work of the minister began at 2:30 and ended at 5 o'clock. He averaged one every minute and a half, and at the end staggered from the baptismal tank in a state of collapse.

Work Will Be Resumed on the Large Whitney Plant.

Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 21.—Work will be resumed on the big \$10,000,000 water and electric plant at Whitney, on the Yadkin River, thirty miles from Salisbury, N. C., some time in the near future. Plans are being formulated for raising \$2,000,000 for the completion of the plant, which will furnish electric power to a vast area in North Carolina. More than \$5,000,000 have already been spent on the plant. Operations ceased a few months ago on account of the receivership.

STANDARD OIL CASE

Another Step Taken in the Big Fine Case.

PETITION FILED IN COURT

Case Was Filed in the Supreme Court of the United States by the Department of Justice—Standard Fighting to Save That \$25,000,000 Fine Which Was Imposed by Judge Landis.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.—The wording of the Government's petition for writ of certiorari in the \$25,000,000 Standard Oil Company case which to-day was filed in the Supreme Court of the United States, indicate that the Department of Justice is fully aware of the Court's practice of denying 90 per cent of such petitions. The Court grants these petitions only when constitutional questions are involved, and the Attorney-General makes strong effort to have it appear that the present case falls within this category.

Four reasons for the issuance of the writ are given, as follows:

(1) It is highly desirable in the public interest and to promote justice in the further prosecution and final determination of this particular case considered in and by itself.

(2) It is indispensable for the instruction and advice of the Government in the intelligent administration and enforcement of the laws involved.

(3) It is necessary for the control and guidance of the Federal Courts in disposing of similar cases now actually pending, or likely to arise, in the near future.

(4) The issue of the writ is necessary also in order that the business community and the people at large may be informed and advised as to the meaning of the law by the judgment of this Court.

"Whether," says the petition in urging the granting of the writ, "the Government is, or is not, right in its contentions, we respectfully, but very earnestly, urge that the court should issue the writ. The case is of the first consequence. The principles decided control the entire meaning and purpose of the law and impair the underlying policy of Congress. If, for example, it is necessary that the Government should prove actual knowledge by the shipper of the lawful rate, the law will be altogether deprived of effect against the very shippers who violate it. In the view of the Government it is extremely important that the law should be determined and expounded now, at this stage of the present case, by this court."

"It," the Attorney-General says, "will not be seriously contended by this as a criminal case the Court of Appeals would have no right to certify any question raised upon this record," and the contention is made if the case could properly be transferred from the lower to the higher court by means of certification, it can just as properly be brought up by means of a writ from the higher court.

The Attorney-General also takes the position that the Supreme Court is vested by law with authority to order any case of which a Circuit Court of Appeals has final jurisdiction to be brought up by certiorari and to determine it in the same manner as if it had been taken up on appeal or writ of error by the defendant.

NEGRO BEAT TO DEATH.

Nash County Farmer Seriously Injured by Tenant.

Spring Hope, N. C., Nov. 23.—Wesley Finch, a prominent farmer of the Stanhope section, Nash County, had a difficulty yesterday with a negro tenant, Bob Anderson. Finch suffered a broken leg and his clothes were cut in six places by the negro. Finch's leg was struck with an iron pin.

At a voting frolic near here Saturday night three negroes by the name of Sills attacked a negro by the name of Richardson with rocks and pistols and as a result, Richardson will die. He was shot in several places. Two of the Sills are in jail.

MAY USE THE TELEPHONE.

Railway Association Recommends Substitution of Telephone for Telegraph.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—An innovation of far-reaching importance in the operation of railroads has been adopted by the American Railway Association. The telegraph is to be supplanted by the telephone. It is learned that the joint committee of the association on interlocking and signalling, after months of investigation of the subject of telephone employment in train operation, referred to the semi-annual convention of the association recently held in Chicago, the adoption of the telephone and the subsequent displacement of the long-used telegraph.