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EDITORIAL BRIEFS

And where was old paramount issue this year?

H. C. Brown was the only appointee to escape the new "combine's" gallioting.

Another judge has resigned his job, but this cause to suspect the judge's Democracy?

The position of official dog-catcher is another new office for one of the faithful in Raleigh.

Senator Overman's speech at Charlotte sounded like one of Mr. Bryan's phonographic productions.

"Harmony", "Harmony", Oh! how many sins the Democratic politicians have committed in thy name!

Those Democrats who are claiming there is no lack of harmony within their party evidently have no ear for music.

Aycock's mocking birds made haste to leave the Democratic convention at Asheville when that delegate drew his gun.

"Granville true to the Democracy," says a headline in the Durham Sun. Yes; but has Democracy been true to Granville?

Farmers are certain to receive good prices for their products this season. Will the politicians then blame this on the tariff?

"Oh, that mine enemy would write a book!" Better thing to do is wish that he would run a "poke berry" newspaper.

The new Wake County machine didn't work smoothly at Charlotte. Either the collar galled, or they just didn't understand.

Two bold burglaries, on the main street and right opposite the police headquarters in two nights. Yes, it was in the "refawm" run city of Raleigh.

"Gudger challenges Grant to debate," says a headline. That is sufficient that the Democrats made a mistake in the selection of their candidate.

Each Democratic convention held so far has been opened by a brass band with the appropriate tune: "There'll be a hot time in the old town to-night."

Our "refawm" city administration has added another \$800 per year to the city's expenses to run ten years. We confess we do not understand that kind of reform.

The day of boss rule in politics is fast coming to an end. In the future the people who do the voting will have something to say about the management of their party.

Ex-Congressman Crawford referred to the Democratic Convention in the Tenth District as a howling mob. Reminds one of red-shirt days—only they are practicing their methods on each other now.

If the "refawmers" who now have Raleigh by the throat happen to capture the larger field of the county this fall, who can foretell what will happen? Even the News and Observer is getting restless.

The Charlotte convention worked both ways. It patted the Governor on the back for being a nice Governor, and then hit him a solar plexus with regard to the most important appointment he has had to make.

The Durham Herald says they had no business lying on Judge Manning, which had its effect in beating him. Well, if they will lie about one of their own men, what do you suppose they will try to do to the Republicans?

What's the matter with the Democracy? The Charlotte "flatfarm" has "nary" a whereas; it doesn't view with alarm or point with pride to anything and, worst of all, it does not even mention the name of the "Peerless leader."

RANDOLPH REPUBLICANS INSTRUCT FOR MOREHEAD.

A Large and Enthusiastic Convention—Hon. E. A. Holton Makes a Strong Speech—Excellent Ticket Named—Republicans Will Carry County by Overwhelming Majority C. L. Holton Endorsed for Solicitor.

Asheboro, N. C., July 18.—Randolph County Republican Convention met in the Courthouse in Asheboro Saturday, July 16, 1910, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to the call of County Chairman C. L. Holton, to nominate a county and legislative ticket, elect delegates to the various conventions, to elect a chairman of the County Executive Committee and also a County Executive Committee, etc.

Promptly at 10:30 o'clock the Convention was called to order by C. L. Holton, who after stating the object of the gathering and few remarks called Dr. James D. Gregg to the chair as temporary chairman, who delivered an able speech.

After the work of the convention was begun, Hon. A. E. Holton, of Winston-Salem, was then introduced and delivered one of the strongest speeches ever delivered in Asheboro. The new and commodious court house was well filled, there being seven or eight hundred voters out to hear him. His speech of an hour and a half was a vote-winner from start to finish. He thoroughly demonstrated the fact that the Democracy and aristocracy of the South go hand in hand; that the Democratic party is against the producer and, only talk and harangue in favor of the consumer. The speaker clearly demonstrated that the Republican party is and always has been a constructive party whereas the Democratic party is and always has been the antithesis of same. The speaker in clear and forceful language pictured what had been done for the farmer and every other producer and showed by comparison the farmer of to-day, with his high-priced products as compared with what he could get for his labor under Democratic policies and principles and showed that what the laboring man needed was legislation in his favor to remove the stigma that "to labor" is a disgrace and that such relief will only come through the Republican party, the friend of the laboring man.

In the course of his remarks the speaker spoke in the highest terms of Hon. John M. Morehead, who by the policies he represented had changed a district of five thousand Democratic majority into a Republican district and that he had done much good for the whole State.

The Republicans are in fine shape in Randolph; they have paid their taxes and qualified themselves to vote and came to the Convention en masse and named the ticket composed of the best men in the county and everybody is pleased and determined to elect the ticket. The fight is on and Democratic mismanagement of county affairs will be thoroughly presented to the voters of the county, and November 8th will mark the passing of Democratic misrule and mismanagement in this county.

Chas. L. Holton was re-elected chairman of the County Executive Committee and R. E. Johnson was elected Secretary, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the Republicans of Randolph County in Convention assembled, do hereby renew our allegiance to the policies and principles of the Republican party and do heartily endorse the administration under the wise leadership and careful guidance of our indomitable and courageous President, William Howard Taft and pledge to him our united support.

Resolved, That this Convention heartily endorse the Republican State platform as adopted at Charlotte in August, 1908, and that we look with pride upon the growth and spirit of the Republican party in this State.

Resolved, further, That this Convention places itself squarely and unequivocally upon record as favoring men in office who will conduct their high places above partisan politics; that we favor officials who will keep their offices open on public days as well as other week days so that people having business to transact in said offices can do it without searching in vain for said officers.

Resolved, That we are in favor of a Board of County Commissioners, the servants and guardians of the people, who will make known to the taxpayers of the county a true and accurate status of the people's finances and not be willing to accept a report of a finance committee appointed and paid by said board out of the people's money, which they admit is only approximated and stated in part as follows: "To make an absolutely full and detailed report of the finances of the county, since the time of

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BENEFICIAL LAWS

National Administration Has Made Good in Its Promises to the People.

UNCLE JOE'S CAMPAIGN

Sentiment is Growing Rapidly in Favor of Morehead for State Chairman—The People Want a Man for Chairman Who Will Bend Every Effort to Carry the State Republican and Who Has the Capacity to Do the Work.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Washington, D. C., July 19, 1910. There is no longer any question about the great and increasing popularity of the Taft administration. Such expression were heard on every side during the closing days of Congress by both the regular and insurgent Republican Congressmen. They were all delighted with the wonderful success of President Taft in securing the adoption of so many of the great reform measures promised the people in the last Republican National platform.

People from every quarter of the United States, of all shades of political opinion, and of every kind of business and occupation, are dropping into Washington every day. The most prominent of them are being interviewed by the Washington newspapers, and these interviews show that the sentiment is fast crystallizing from one end of the country to the other that the Taft administration has made good in a most striking and emphatic way.

It is admitted by Democrats, as well as Republicans, from Maine to California, and from Texas to the Great Lakes, that no administration in the history of this country has ever during the first year of its four-year term succeeded in enacting so important and beneficial laws, and besides, through administrative action, done as much for the purification and improvement of the public service as has President Taft.

Uncle Joe's Campaign in the West.

Uncle Joe Cannon, though over three-score-and-ten, has refused to go to the mountains or to the sea coast or on a sea voyage on a rest, but has, like the magnificent fighter which he is, plunged into the midst of the campaign for the re-election of a Republican Congress. During the excessive heat of the past week he has been speaking often two or three times a day. He is now in the Middle West going through Kansas and Nebraska and other insurgent territory and meeting the great crowds. There are thousands of people who do not agree with Speaker Cannon on many public questions, yet they go to hear him speak, because every healthy American citizen loves a born fighter who has the courage of his convictions.

Uncle Joe was overcome with the heat a few days ago, while speaking in Kansas City before a large auditorium packed to its full capacity, but the papers announced the next day that he was fully recovered and that he was continuing his campaign without any interruption. Notwithstanding the heat and the fact that Uncle Joe was not feeling well, the papers report him as having made a great speech.

In discussing the tariff, he said: "From the time the Dingley bill was passed until the Republican platform in 1908 declared for a revision of the tariff, I stood squarely against revision. Why? Because I knew a tariff could not be revised without somebody lying about it and without disturbing business. But I always look, as long as I am a Republican, to the superior wisdom of the majority of the party. For that reason, I supported revision after the Republican platform declared for it."

"The Payne bill has been in operation since August 5th. Two hundred thousand freight cars then idle are now busy. Under that law we so arranged that more goods are admitted free than under any other law in our history. The average per cent on all importations for the last fiscal year was 20.8. The Wilson law duty averaged 22 per cent. We cut the iron schedule in two. The chemical schedule was cut 40 per cent."

"Let's see who stands for the interests. The duties on lumber, leather, boots, and shoes, iron, and steel are all lower under the Payne law than under the Dingley law. Every man who voted against the Payne bill thereby voted to retain the highest duties of the Dingley law."

Speaker Cannon is also reported to have said, in response to a suggestion made by some insurgent, or the friend of some insurgent in Kansas, that he should not speak out so plainly, but "should try to harmonize

the party." In response, he said: "There could not be harmony between men of radically different views, and who were going in opposite directions." He said that if a man who is going east is right, then the man who is going west is wrong, and the only way there can be "harmony" is for the man who is wrong to get right. Continuing, he said: "That while each man might contend that he was right, the only honest and honorable thing to do was to fight it out and let the great American jury determine who was right."

This expression of sentiment of Uncle Joe does credit to his birthplace near Guilford Battle Ground in the Old North State. The same doctrine fits the present situation in North Carolina, where the machine ring bosses are crying for "harmony."

Morehead Gaining Rapidly for Chairman.

A prominent Republican from the Fifth Congressional District, who was here this morning, said that while it was understood that Chairman Adams was not supporting Congressman Morehead for State Chairman, that yet his information was that Mr. Adams' county of Guilford would cast the majority, if not a solid, vote at the next State Convention for Morehead for State Chairman.

He further said that, notwithstanding the fact that Adams and Duncan had had a serious falling out and had abused each other severely, that yet it is reported that they have had several long and close conferences during the last week or ten days, and that it is thought that they have gotten together to try to beat Morehead and to continue the rule of the ring bosses. He said that the information that such a deal was going on between them would not hurt Morehead, but would bring to him hundreds and thousands of supporters who stand with President Taft for the abolishment of the old referee system.

Another prominent Republican from the eastern part of the State, who was present when the Fifth District Republican was making these observations, said that he thought conditions in the east were as favorable to Morehead as they were in the west. He said that he believed that every county that had a big Republican vote, that is, a county that had a voting strength in the rank and file too large to be dominated by Duncan and his few men who would take orders from him, would every one be for Morehead and against the referee ring.

Continuing, he said that he had heard just before coming to Washington that Mr. Duncan had just begun to get really alarmed about the situation and that he had already run down to his native county of Carteret and there cracked his boss whip over the heads of all the men who had received jobs from him, and those who were on the "waiting list," and that his orders were to get busy and to save by all means Carteret County for his machine.

It sounds a little strange that the "Big Boss" should really be uneasy about his own county; yet we are informed that he has made appeals to a number of people in the county to not let it go to Morehead, because that would be a humiliation to him, as it was his native county.

It might be observed in passing that it is really hard upon the patriotic rank and file Republicans of Carteret County, who unquestionably want to see ring rule overturned and a progressive open-door policy adopted, to be forced to do that which they believe is against the interests of their party and their State, in order that the "Big Boss" may not be "humiliated" by the good people of the county where he happened to be raised.

If Mr. Duncan is humiliated by what his county may do, or by what the State Convention is certain to do, that is, to elect a man State Chairman who not only wants to carry the State Republican, but a man who also has the capacity to lead the party to victory, then we submit that it is nobody's fault but his own. Everybody in the State knows, and nobody knows it better than the good people of Carteret County, that Mr. Duncan has not tried to build up the Republican party and elect Congressmen and carry the State.

The issue is now squarely drawn, it is Duncan ring rule or it is Morehead and victory. Let each voter and each county take its stand for one or the other.

To Keep Out Diseased Cows.

Washington, D. C., July 14.—Another period of watching importations from South American countries to prevent the introduction of the foot and mouth disease has been inaugurated by the Departments of Agriculture and Treasury.

The Democrats can't even "point with pride" to their platform.—Greensboro News.

TENNESSEE FIGHT

Bitter Struggle Has Rent Democracy in Twain and the Fight is Personal.

REPUBLICANS SURE TO WIN

Real Issues Are Forgotten in Effort to Defeat Patterson—Supreme Court Judges Refuse to Go Into Primary With Him, Charging Coercion—Carmack Incident a Large Factor—Prohibition Lost Sight Of.

Memphis, Tenn., July 17.—In every town and village and county in Tennessee, the State's serious political situation has aroused the most intense feeling. Regular Democrats and insurgent Democrats and Republicans are lining up their forces for the struggle which comes in August, when the State judiciary and county elections are held.

Three of the Supreme Court judges declined to enter into the Democratic primary, alleging that Governor Patterson and his administration had attempted to coerce the judiciary. Their partisans called a convention and these three were re-nominated along with two others. The two other justices entered into the primary and lined up with the administration party, thus securing re-nomination. Three opposition candidates were named to run against the three so-called bolting justices. The same state of affairs exists in the contest for the judgeships of the court of civil appeals.

The pardoning of Duncan Cooper, who was convicted for the slaying of the late United States Senator E. W. Carmack, has been made an issue in the present campaign.

The prohibition question, which was the chief and practically sole issue in the last gubernatorial contest, has apparently been lost sight of, but the administration forces have openly declared that if they are victorious in the August election, steps will be taken to have the law repealed at the next session of the Legislature.

The result, in view of the absolute impossibility of the Democrats to get together, can have but one result, and that will be the election of the Republican ticket. The State barely went Democratic last time, and the break now makes success practically assured. This will mean the breaking of the "Solid South" and the election of a Republican United States Senator to succeed Frazier.

BIG FIRE IN NEW YORK HARBOR.

Pier Destroyed and Ships Drifted Blazing Into the River—Endangered the Water Front.

New York, July 16.—Four hundred thousand spectators witnessed this afternoon the most spectacular fire since the Hoboken disaster, ten years ago, in which fifteen lives were lost. As far as is ascertained, two men perished during to-day's conflagration. The monetary loss will run between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000.

Pier 14 of the Metropolitan Steamship Line on the Hudson River at the foot of Fulton Street, was practically destroyed. The structure cost \$300,000.

The freight steamer H. F. Dimock, of the same line, which was lying alongside the pier, caught fire and drifted, blazing out into the river where fire boats and tugs extinguished the flame. Two of her crew, all twenty-eight of whom jumped overboard, are missing.

Six barges lying between Piers 14 and 15 were destroyed, and the passenger steamer Harvard, of the Metropolitan Line, was badly scorched. She was lowered to a point of safety, however, and departed for Boston on schedule time this evening.

CLOUDBURST DOES \$2,000,000 DAMAGE.

Widespread Destruction in Indiana and Kentucky—Lowlands Under Water.

Louisville, Ky., July 16.—Widespread damage in several counties in Kentucky and Indiana resulted from the cloudbursts which broke last night and to-day after three weeks of almost daily rains.

Reports reaching here to-day from Henderson, Union and Webster counties in Kentucky, indicate that damage approximating \$2,000,000 was done by a cloudburst last night. It is estimated that 50,000 acres of pooled tobacco in Henderson County alone have been destroyed, and one tobacco plantation of 200 acres is a total loss. All streams are out of banks and many bridges have been carried away. Heavy loss of live stock is reported, but no loss of life so far as known.

SENATOR CANNON SUDDENLY ILL.

Attacked While Delivering an Address—Victim of the Heat.

Winfield, Kans., July 16.—Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, while speaking at the Chataqua here this afternoon suffered temporary collapse and was compelled to stop speaking. He revived sufficiently to apologize to his audience and said: "Am better; nothing serious."

Great anxiety is felt by his friends. Mr. Cannon had not been feeling well since he arrived from Kansas City in the morning. He had nearly finished his speech when, after having taken a drink of ice water, he began to talk incoherently.

After a short rest upon the platform the speaker, attended by Congressman Campbell, Mr. Lafferty and others, entered an automobile and was carried quickly to the home of Mr. Lafferty.

He remained here but a short time and then declared that he felt almost as well as ever, and went out for a short ride in Mr. Lafferty's automobile.

When he returned to the house he was warmly greeted by a large number of people who had called to express their sympathy, and for all of them the speaker had a pleasant word and cheerful greeting. The speaker was so far recovered by evening as to resume his trip.

PROHIBITION THE ISSUE.

Lively Fight to Be Made in Texas Primaries—Mr. Bailey's Attitude Watched.

Dallas, Texas, July 17.—State-wide prohibition is the leading issue in a campaign now on in the Democratic party to select nominees for all State offices from Governor down to constable. Primaries will be held on July 23, with about 150 candidates to be voted on.

The activities of certain men of high political standing have added to the campaign important features other than prohibition. The attitude of United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey is being generally watched, because of the influence it may have on his fortunes when he becomes a candidate for re-election two years from now. About two years ago Mr. Bailey announced that he favored the existing local option system. He is now supporting the candidacy of Judge Poindexter, who is opposed to State-wide prohibition on the ground that it is unconstitutional.

DO NOT WANT PROHIBITION.

Nebraska Democrats Decide They Want All the Whiskey They Can Get—Bryan Turned Down.

Omaha, Neb., July 16.—William Jennings Bryan and his county option prohibition scheme was turned down hard in Nebraska to-day when the Democratic conventions held in various counties throughout the State declared against his "paramount issue" in no uncertain way. To-night 21 counties, casting 49 per cent of the vote, had reported and Bryan and his issues secured the vote of just one county, that being Bryan's home county.

DR. CRIPPLEN ELUDES POLICE.

Search of Vessels in New York for Wife Murderer is in Vain.

New York, July 16.—Detectives are still combing the decks and steerage quarters of incoming ships for Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen, the London dentist suspected of murdering his wife, formerly Belle Elmore, the actress, but the clues on this side of the Atlantic are admitted to be as frail and unpromising as they are scarce.

No murder in years has stirred the people of England as has this. The police are extending their search to every town and hamlet of the British Isles, and if the dentist is anywhere within their balliwick they announce their intention of finding him.

Some Census Returns.

Washington, July 17.—The Census Bureau is digesting the immense amount of material that the enumerators gathered a month or so ago. The total is impossible at this time to foretell, but it will very likely exceed all expectations. If the present basis for representation is Congress holds good, it now being 194,000, it is very likely that North Carolina will gain an additional member, though the basis may be increased, as has been done in other years.

Texas and Oklahoma lead all the other States in gains so far, the former probably gaining six additional Congressmen, the latter four. This is due to the enormous emigration to those States in the past few years. Details are being announced as fast as compiled and verified.