

**THE ELECTION FRAUDS**

**Letters Received by the Caucasian Showing Gross Irregularities in Recent Election.**

**FRAUDS OF MANY KINDS**

**A Letter From Harnett County Tells of Gross Irregularities in the Registration—Republican Government Officers Not Only Failed to Help the Ticket, but Actually Did Harm—How We Could Have Polled Ten to Twenty Thousand More Votes.**  
(Continued from Last Week.)

A letter from one of the men who did probably as much as any other man in Harnett County at the last election for Republican victory says: "We made good gains in Averboro and Duke township and in other townships in the county in the face of conditions that were not favorable, to say the least. In other townships where such unfavorable conditions evinced themselves to a greater degree, we did not make gains but seemed to make losses. The fact is that we made gains practically everywhere, but losses were in many places sustained greater than the gains. These losses were not Republican votes that were lost to the Democratic party, but were due to either fraud in the election or to Republicans of a certain class knifing the ticket by not working for success, or at least staying at home on the day of election. In one township, I understand that from 40 to 50 votes were lost to us and added to the Democratic columns by irregularities in registration. An election irregularity of this size in every township in the State would more than account for the whole Democratic majority in this county and in the State.

"A thing which you probably know, and which has occurred no doubt generally all over the State, but which ordinarily would sound strange, is that the men who to-day hold offices under the National Republican Government did us no good but actually did us harm. President Taft has declared often, in a most emphatic manner, his great interest in building up a strong progressive Republican party in the South, but he can never do it by keeping in office the class of men who did everything they dared to do to contribute to Democratic success at the last election. The President said in his Greensboro speech that where the public offices were held by such men that it would be better for the party if such offices were held by Democrats, and that certainly would have been true so far as I know and could see in the last election. If these offices were filled with men of standing and character in each community, who honestly wanted to advance the principles of the Republican party, we would have polled from ten to twenty thousand more votes at the last election, if we had not carried the State. I trust that Mr. Morehead, our State Chairman, will lose no time in presenting such facts to the President and urge a prompt change in the kind of men who hold positions of honor and trust under his administration, to say nothing of a decent respect for the wishes of the Republicans in each community and of the Democrats who are concerned about clean, efficient and respectable party service.

**SENATOR LODGE ON THE TARIFF**  
**He Believes in Tariff Amendment by Sections.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Asserting wholesale revision of the tariff to be an "unmitigated injury to the business interests of the country and ruinous to the party that undertakes them," Senator Lodge in a speech in the Senate took position in a support of tariff amendment by sections. The Massachusetts Senator spoke on a motion to refer the Cummins joint resolution to the Committee on Rules. While expressing complete concurrence in the purpose of the resolution, Mr. Lodge differed as to the plan to be pursued. The House, he said, now had power to bring in a special rule to cut out amendments. He believed the Senate could adopt a similar plan. Therefore, he did not believe necessary a general law such as is contemplated by the Iowa Senator's joint resolution.

Mr. Lodge announced himself in perfect accord with the President's desire to obtain a tariff commission.

**Terrible Picture of Suffering**

Clinton, Ky.—Mrs. M. C. McElroy, in a letter from Clinton, writes: "For six years I was a sufferer from female troubles. I could not eat, and could not stand on my feet, without suffering great pain. I had lost hope. After using Cardui a week, I began to improve. Now I feel better than in six years." Fifty years of success in actual practice, its positive proof, furnished by those who have tried it, that Cardui can always be relied on for relieving female weakness and disease. Try Cardui, to-day, now!

**BOYS CORN CLUB PRIZE WINNERS FROM ELEVEN STATES**



Mr. W. Ernest Starnes, who won the trip to Washington, offered by The Caucasian, is shown in the above picture, standing in front of the doorway, wearing a cap. Third from the right is the Secretary of Agriculture.

**THE BEST CORN RAISERS**

**Boy Corn Club Prize Winners From Eleven Southern States.**

**OBJECT LESSON FURNISHED**

Mr. W. Ernest Starnes and Other Prize Winners in Washington—The Result of Experiments Under Direction of the Department of Agriculture—An Object Lesson in Corn Growing in the South—Method of Increasing Yield.

The winners in the boys' corn club from eleven Southern States spent last week in Washington, D. C. They were presented to the President and to the Secretary of Agriculture, and were presented with certificates of merit by the Secretary. Officials of the Department escorted the boys through the different departments in Washington and helped to make their visit to the National capital very interesting. Mr. W. Ernest Starnes, of Hickory, who won the free trip to Washington, offered by The Caucasian, is shown in the above picture, which was taken last week while the prize winners were in Washington.

The Washington Star gives the following account of the prize winners' visit to Washington:

Eleven boys from as many Southern States, each boy with an ear of corn in his hand, posed for a picture in front of the big building of the Agricultural Department today. They represented the top skimming of an army of over 46,000 boys; for they were the State prize winners in the boys' corn club contest of the year. In each of the States represented, boys had worked each a measured acre of land, planted in corn. The best yield in each State had taken the first prize and the boys, none of whom was over sixteen, were on a trip to Washington, where they were to be introduced to the President and the Secretary of Agriculture and then be shown the sights of the city.

**Object Lesson in South.**

It was the culmination of a year's work, a work the importance of which can scarcely be overestimated because it has already awakened the South to the knowledge that it can raise corn and make money by it. The older farmers are being startled by the way the boys are beating them and the corn club idea is having a material effect on the corn production of the whole South.

The successful boys from each State were not always the ones that had raised the biggest crops. The Department of Agriculture, in outlining the contest, made it a requisite that the largest crop should be raised with the least expenditure. The high score in the whole group was made by a boy from South Carolina. But he was not considered the most successful. He had raised 223 1/2 bushels, but it had cost him 43 cents a bushel to do it. There was a boy from Arkansas who raised only 119 bushels, but he did it at a cost of 8 cents a bushel. He was considered the real thing in corn clubdom.

**Method of Increasing Yield.**

It gives more significance to the figures of the corn club yields when it is understood that the States represented have been running along on State averages of from 14 to 20 bushels of corn to the acre. When it was shown a year ago that with the same expenditure of money, but by following departmental methods in seed selection and cultivation, yields of from 50 to 100 bushels were possible, the farmers began to take notice. Last year there were 12,000 boys in the various State competitions. This year there were 46,225. Next year the Department of Agriculture probably will be snowed under with competitors.

Beside the trips to Washington for the State Winners this year prizes totaling \$40,000 were given. This was not government money. Merchants, bankers and other public-

spirited men in the South offered all sorts of things, cash, farm implements, trips, ponies, pigs, bicycles, watches and other things such as the boys would work hardest for.

Government agents, school teachers and county officers co-operated in forming clubs in nearly 600 counties. The names and addresses of members of the clubs were filed with Dr. S. A. Knapp, in charge of the farm demonstration work for the Department. The boys studied seed selection in the winter, soil composition, fertilizers and the circulars on the preparation of the seed bed, and subsequent cultivation which were mailed from the Department. They plowed their ground from 8 to 16 inches deep and cleaned stables and chicken houses for manure and cleaned up the farm for wood ashes and humus.

**How and Why Explained.**

The boys were shown not only how but why corn needed the attention they were giving it. The county officials and school teachers scored the competitions. The prizes were given for high yield, low cost, the ten best ears and a written history of the crop.

The Governors of the States also took an active interest in the competitions, and instead of four diplomas of merit awarded by the Secretary of Agriculture there were certificates given by the Governors to all the boys in the State who raised 75 bushels an acre and over at a reasonable cost. The reasonable cost was figured from the market price of corn. There was one boy in the competition who by his corn crop and the prizes won, realized over \$1,000 off his acre.

It was a common occurrence for 500 to 1,000 people to witness the awards of 15 or 20 certificates at a county seat. In one Mississippi county 48 boys averaged 92 bushels per acre. In one South Carolina county 20 boys produced 1,700 bushels of corn on 20 acres. In another county in the same State 142 boys averaged 62 bushels per acre.

This work is having much to do with the increased averages of the Southern States in corn production. It will have something to do with reducing the cost of living also.

**Winners of Washington Trip.**

The following are the names and addresses of the winners of the trip to the capital and also the yields of their respective acres and the cost per bushel:

- Hughey A. Harden, Banks, Ala., 120 bushels at 32 cents.
  - Ira Smith, Silver, Ark., 119 bushels at 8 cents.
  - Joseph Stone, Center, Ga., 102 1/2 bushels at 29 cents.
  - Stephen G. Henry, Melrose, La., 139 4-5 bushels at 13 cents.
  - Wm. Williams, Decatur, Miss., 146 4-7 bushels at 18 cents.
  - W. Ernest Starnes, Hickory, N. C., 146 2-7 bushels at 38 cents.
  - Floyd Gayer, Tishomingo, Okla., 95 1-12 bushels at 8 cents.
  - Jerry H. Moore, Winona, S. C., 228 1/2 bushels at 43 cents.
  - Norman Smith, Covington, Tenn., 125 1/2 bushels at 37 cents.
  - Wm. Rodger Smith, Karnes City, Tex., 83 1-9 bushels at 13 2-3 cents.
  - Maurice Oigers, Sutherland, Va., 168 bushels at 40 cents.
- In addition a second prize was given from South Carolina, and one from the sixth Alabama district. These were won by Archie Odom, Bennettsville, S. C., 177 1/2, 23 cents; John Williams, Tuscaloosa, Ala., 83 1/2, 49 cents.

**Other Recognition Assured.**

Secretary Wilson will award diplomas of merit, the distinguished visitors will be presented to the President, and then Prof. O. B. Martin, assistant to Dr. S. A. Knapp in the demonstration work and in charge of the boys, will show them the city. They will visit Congress, Mount Vernon, the various departments, the Zoo, the library and other attractions. When they return to their homes they will have something to tell their friends.

The department is working on a club competition for girls that will probably be opened during the coming season, but the officers are not saying much about it yet, because Dr. Knapp, who is in charge of the demonstration work, says that history is a good deal better than prophecy, and that he is a believer in the

maxim of the late Commodore Vanderbilt, who said, "never tell what you are going to do till after you have done it."

The corn club work this year cost the department only 30 cents a farm, which for the results accomplished, was getting a pretty good return on the money.

**Resolution for Election of Senators by Direct Votes Goes Over.**

Washington, Dec. 19.—The fight for the enactment of a resolution which proposes an amendment to the Constitution providing for the direct election of United States Senators has gone over until after the holidays. The subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee, composed of Senators Rayner, Borah and Dillingham,

met to-day and, by a vote of 2 to 1, favorably reported the amended Bristow resolution.

Senators Rayner and Borah favored the measure and Senator Dillingham opposed it. The report was submitted to the full committee, which ordered the resolution printed and distributed among the members, so that each should have time to fully consider the matter as reported by the sub-committee.

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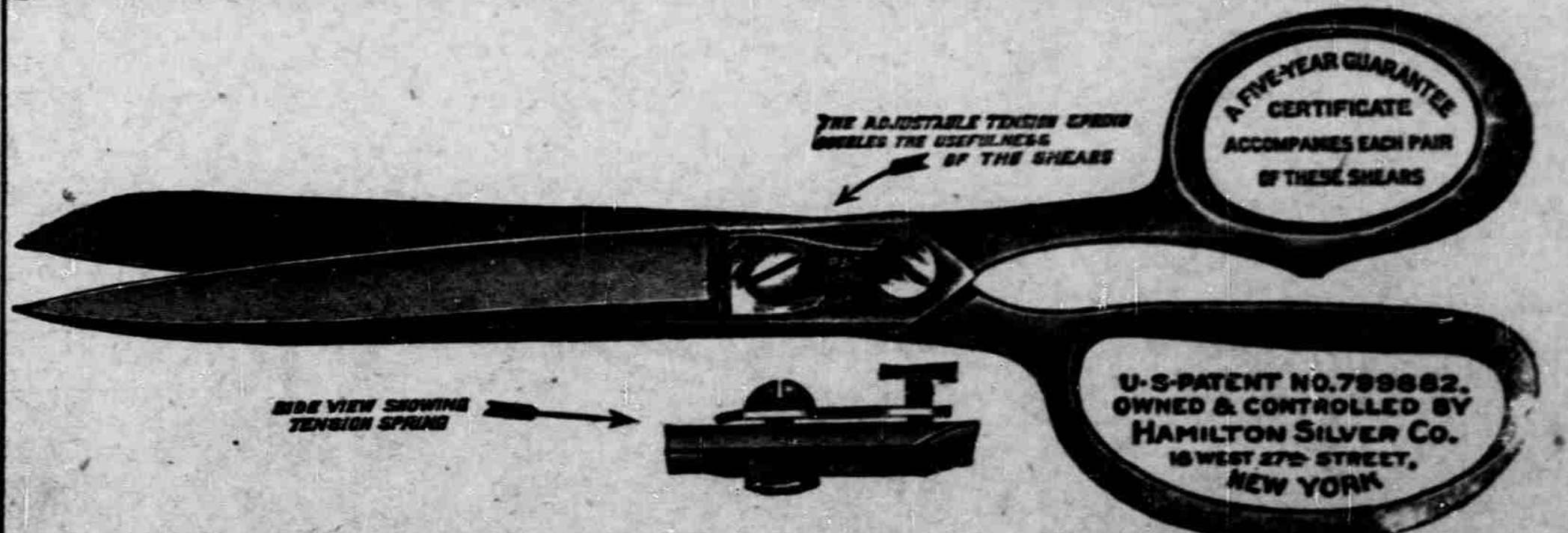
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