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EDITORIAL BRIEFS

As a matter of fact, have we any free schools in the State at present?

Under Democratic good government, crime stalks abroad at midnight as well as at noonday.

The Democratic leaders are to give a "harmony" dinner in Washington. Bet they even have a row over that.

Locke Craig has announced his candidacy for the Governorship. We had suspected that he had such intentions.

After Governor Wilson has finished reforming New Jersey he might try his hand with the Democratic ring in Baltimore.

Sunday's papers announced that Locke Craig is a candidate for Governor. Wonder if that was intended as startling news.

The Democratic party is getting to be an odd-looking animal. It has the head of a donkey, but is also exhibiting four wings.

The Canton Observer says champion shots are to visit that town. Judging from reports, thought they had already been there.

If all the red-shirts are to be rewarded with office it will be some time before a statesman will have any showing in the Democratic party.

The Democratic officials in Robeson County have increased the tax rate, increased the taxable value of property, borrowed some money and increased the jailor's salary.

Those farmers who voted last fall for checker have gotten it in the face, but the trouble is, checker farmers have to sell at the same price.

Contractors are now busy moving mountains in Western North Carolina. When they have finished their present job they can doubtless get employment with the Democratic party.

Webster's Weekly says Governor Kitchin is trying to ride two horses that are going in opposite directions. That being the case, something terrible is likely to happen almost any moment.

Shall we hold our cotton? This is a question that is being put often to The Caucasian. We say, Yes, but you think a Democratic President is going to be elected you had best not take our advice.

The Rocky Mount Echo says that the passage of the Constitutional Amendment has secured lasting peace between the races. Wonder if that paper will remember its own words when the next campaign is on?

Charity and Children says that the tragedies of this summer have been of remarkable frequency and in many instances have been cold-blooded and most cruel. Wonder if ex-Governor Aycock could explain "the why and wherefores"?

The Charlotte Chronicle consumes considerable space to tell the farmers how to get less for the products they have to sell. If the farmers want low prices, they can simply help to put the Democrats in control of the nation, and that always turns the trick.

Webster's Weekly is now supporting Simmons for the Senate and the Reidsville Review says this support is not because the Weekly thinks more of Simmons than Kitchin, but states there are other reasons. Just what these reasons are might make some interesting reading matter.

Shall we hold our cotton? every farmer is asking. The Caucasian says, Yes, hold your cotton if you can, and then vote next time for the party of progress and prosperity. If the farmers had not voted for Democracy and nine and a half-cent cotton last fall we would not now have it. Facts are facts.

MAIL BY AEROPLANE.

Postmaster-General Will Recommend Appropriation for This Service and for Parcels Post.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Provision for the establishment of a parcels post and the transportation of mail by aeroplane has been made by Postmaster-General Hitchcock in his annual estimates of postoffice department expenditures submitted to the treasury department today.

According to Mr. Hitchcock's estimates the appropriation necessary to meet the expenses of the postal service at large during the coming fiscal year will be \$260,463, an increase of \$2,585,740 over the appropriations for the current fiscal year, or less than 1 per cent, the smallest on record.

The most important of the new items in the estimates are those providing for a parcels post. They include \$50,000 to cover the preliminary expenses on rural mail routes and an equal appropriation to start the service in the cities. An additional item of \$50,000 is included to cover an investigation having for its object the final establishment of a general parcels post on all railway and steamboat transportation routes. Thus Mr. Hitchcock will submit the parcels post question squarely to congress for the postal committees of the house and senate will have to pass directly on each item. He is confident that legislation authorizing a parcels post in some form will be secured at the coming session of congress.

TWO FIENDISH CRIMES.

Inhabitants of Two Pennsylvania Towns in State of Excitement—One Negro Arrested.

Altoona, Pa., Oct. 9.—John Plowden, a negro, aged 23 years, was rushed to Hollidaysburg jail tonight to prevent a possible lynching.

Early today Plowden entered the home of John Perkins, a short distance west of this city, and after binding and gagging Mrs. Perkins, assaulted her. School children, seeing the negro running from the house, gave the alarm and a posse was soon in pursuit of the fleeing negro. He kept his pursuers at bay by shooting at them. The police authorities were communicated with and arrested the negro at the home of a colored friend, where he had sought refuge.

Without legal formalities the fiend was rushed to Hollidaysburg jail.

Neighbors, who hurried to the Perkins home, found the woman in a terrible condition from shock and the brutal treatment of the negro.

Another Lynching is Threatened. Coatesville, Pa., Oct. 9.—Another lynching is threatened within this county as the result of a brutal attack made tonight upon Annie McElhane, a student at the Coatesville High School, by an unknown negro. The populace has not been wrought to such a fever of excitement since the lynching of Zack Walker here on Sunday, August 13.

KILLED HIS SISTER

Death of the Girl Had Been Concealed by Her Parents

Story of a Revolting Crime Committed at Newfound, Near Asheville—Parents of the Dead Girl May Be Charged as Accessories Before and After the Crime.

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 10.—What may prove one of the most unnatural crimes in years occurred last Tuesday at Newfound, about fifteen miles northwest of here, when Ernest Webb, the seventeen-year-old son of George Webb, a farmer of that section, shot and killed his fourteen-year-old sister with a shotgun.

After the killing, it appears that the impression was left that it was accidental. Information was furnished Solicitor Reynolds yesterday by T. D. Curtis, a neighbor, that led to the issuing of warrants charging the boy with murder and his parents with being accessories both before and after the crime.

The warrants were served by Sheriff Williams and a deputy. The boy was found eight miles from home and was brought here and placed in jail. His parents are in charge of the deputy, and will be brought here tomorrow.

A report was circulated that the boy was mentally unbalanced, but this is denied by those who know him. A very revolting story of the state of affairs before the killing was told by Mr. Curtis who said that the boy was his authority. It is said that the boy told some one before that he was going to "put an end" to his sister.

If these facts prove true the boy will be tried for first degree murder.

'SMELLING' COMMITTEES

Democratic Committees Returning to Washington Looking Campaign Thunder.

WAR CLOUD IN EUROPE

War Between Italy and Turkey is the Chief Topic in Official Washington—Others May be Involved—All Mohammedans May Come to Turkey's Rescue in Order to Save Their Religion—How President Madero is Managing in Mexico—Democratic Election Frauds in Maryland—The New Southern Building.

(Special to The Caucasian.) Washington, D. C., Oct. 10, 1911.—With the cool weather Washington has again taken on the air of the capital of the greatest nation on earth. For weeks the residents of the city who have been summering in various quarters have been pouring back into town, and now for the last few days official Washington has been returning, including Congressmen, Cabinet officers, heads of bureaus, and all kinds of public officials.

The Representatives and Senators who are coming, however, are, as a rule, those who were appointed on the various Democratic "smelling" committees looking for campaign thunder. They have found nothing, but they are back early on their jobs and are still anxiously looking for some "great rottenness," with a desperate hope of finding something that they can use in the next campaign to help call attention from the Democratic record of incompetency and broken promises.

Last week, the District Supreme Court opened, and all of the other courts follow suit this week. This brings lawyers from many quarters to Washington. So, all in all, Washington is fast beginning to look like the real Washington of winter, when it is the nation's social and political center.

The War Cloud in Europe.

The chief topic around the War and Navy Departments and in all official Washington, is the war between Italy and Turkey. It is noticeable that sympathy is generally on the side of Italy and is as pronounced as it was on the side of Japan in the Russian-Japanese War. The Italian fleet has sunk several Turkish warships, and has bombarded and taken possession of Tripoli, the Turks having refused to evacuate.

A prominent officer of the United States Army, at the War Department, on this morning, said that the capturing of Tripoli by Italy did not mean that Italy will be able to control without much trouble and expense, anything more than the city of Tripoli. He observed that the country of Tripoli was as large as France, and that the back-country in the hills and as far back as the Desert of Sahara, was inhabited by Arab tribesmen. He said that these Arabs were the people in whose country the Mohammedan religion was born, and that they revered the Korean as much as Christians do the Bible and the New Testament.

He pointed out that these Arabs have always been a cultured people. They have been distinguished for their learning, not only in literature, but in mathematics, astronomy, and most of the other sciences that were known to the ancients, and even to the civilized people of modern times, save and except the recent modern inventions. He said that these people were not only intelligent, that they were brave, that they were all mounted on the fine Arab steeds, and that for years Turkey had been furnishing them with the newest and best quality of Mouser rifles and ammunition. He further said that, on account of the Turks having the same religion as these Arabs that they would consider the invasion of Italy as a fight on their religion, and that the world knew that a fight with the Mohammedans when they felt that their religion was being attacked would cause them to defend themselves with a heroism that was fanatical. Therefore, he pointed out that Italy would be constantly attacked by these brave, intelligent and daring Arab tribesmen whenever they dared to extend their rule into the back-country.

Since talking to this army officer this morning, the evening papers in Washington have appeared, and the first headline that caught our eye was that the Italian soldiers who had dared to press out into the country beyond the city of Tripoli had just been ambushed by a superior force of Arab tribesmen, and that a number of them had been killed and the others forced to retreat to the city.

The Prospects for Peace.

A few days ago, it was announced that Germany had entered on the scene as a great peace-maker. This move on the part of the belligerent but cunning Kaiser of Germany did not fool anybody in Europe. They all knew that Germany had been trying to buy Tripoli from Turkey, and that Italy had beaten the Kaiser at his own game. There were further rumors yesterday that the powers of Europe had come to an understanding by which they would stop hostilities and patch up a peace satisfactory to themselves, if not to Italy and Turkey.

To-day, it is known that this European move by the great powers was halted because it had occurred to them that it would be wise to consult Uncle Sam, and Uncle Sam has not yet decided that he will agree to the program which they had laid out for themselves. The situation at present seems to be that Turkey, realizing that it has irrevocably lost Tripoli, wants the powers of Europe, including the United States, to patch up a peace agreement by which Italy will be permitted to hold and exercise sovereignty over Turkey, but that Italy shall either pay a cash indemnity or cede some other outlying territory which it owns in the Mediterranean to the Turkish Government. This would be letting Turkey off very light, and it is highly probable that such terms will be forced on Italy by the other powers. One thing is certain, and that is, whatever is done will be done after Uncle Sam has nodded his approval.

Madero and Mexico.

Madero, who headed and financed the revolution in Mexico that resulted in the downfall of the strong and wonderful regime built up by that remarkable man Diaz, has just been elected President of the Mexican Republic. The election, necessarily, was very much like the former elections of Diaz for the seven times he was elected President; that is, less than one-twentieth of the people voted. There was this difference, however; it was known on this occasion that no man would be arrested or told to get out of the country who dared to vote against Madero, as had been the case under the Diaz regime. Such is hard, however, that the average citizen who was not asked to vote was afraid to vote.

Madero was so impressed with the meagreness of the vote, though it was practically unanimous for him, that he gave out an announcement immediately upon the receiving of the returns that hereafter the people of Mexico should be invited to take part in their elections and be permitted to vote as untrammelled as they are in the United States, and further that he favored a secret, or Australian ballot. Madero wisely realizes that here lay the greatest weakness of the great Diaz, and this explains why he left an oligarchy instead of a Republic when forced to resign.

An Interview With Diaz. This writer, several years ago, in (Continued on page 5.)

AFTER THE EXPRESS CO'S

National Association of Railroad Commissioners Make Recommendations

They Claim Railroads Should Operate Express Business of the Country—Could Be Handled at Cheaper Cost to the Public.

Washington, Oct. 10.—That the railways of the country take over the express companies' business was virtually recommended to-day by the twenty-third annual convention of the National Association of Railroad Commissioners in session here, by the committee on express rates and express service. There was prolonged discussion of the committee's report, which was the only business before the convention to-day. Consideration of the report will continue to-morrow.

"The express and railway companies," said the report, "are engaged in performing a transportation service that one company could perform just as efficiently, if not more so. The fact is that the railways could probably assume the handling of both heavier commodities and the lighter packages at a lower cost and with greater satisfaction than the express companies to the public. Their present organization is nearly complete enough for this."

Objection to the adoption of the report was made because of the opinion expressed therein that the so-called postal or ounce rates of express companies are discriminatory and should be eliminated or raised. Other traffic, it was claimed had to bear the loss of the ounce-rate matter.

R. Hudson Burr, of Florida, presided. (Continued on page 5.)

THE BATTLE OF BALLOTS IS NOW A PART OF HISTORY

The Official Announcement Of the Winners Of Prizes, with Figures Showing Complete Returns.

MISS WALLER WINS PLANO

Everybody Satisfied—Over One Thousand New Subscribers Added to The Caucasian's List, Making the Paper One of the Very Best Advertising Mediums in the State—The Closing Hours of the Contest Was Very Exciting and No One Could Guess the Winners Until the Judges Announced the Result.

We, the undersigned committee, appointed to canvass the official vote of The Caucasian's Great Prize and Popularity Contest, hereby state that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the Contest was conducted on fair, business-like methods and upon the official canvass of the votes we find the following entitled to the prizes:

Capital Prize.

Miss Annie L. Waller, 2,648,300.

First District.

First Prize: Miss Mildred Dupree, 2,454,300.

Second Prize: Miss Beulah Upchurch, 2,030,900.

Second District.

First Prize: Miss Lillie Packer, 2,215,200.

Second Prize: Miss Bessie Worrell, 536,900.

Third District.

First Prize: Miss Annie Baldwin, 1,778,700.

Second Prize: Miss Annie Norwood, 1,547,600.

Fourth District.

First Prize: Mrs. Clayton Meads, 2,002,000.

Second Prize: Miss Laura Garcia, 1,813,700.

W. B. DRAKE, JR., FRANK M. JOLLY, W. B. HUNTER.

The Caucasian's Great Popularity Voting Contest is now a matter of history.

The prizes have been sent to the candidates.

Some eight weeks ago The Caucasian announced its contest. The return mail brought the first nominations, and in a few days following the initial announcement, popular young ladies from all over the country were nominated.

The enterprising saw the possibilities that were opened by the plans adopted by The Caucasian for awarding them the prizes.

Lose With Good Grace.

The candidates will have been the gainers, although their names do not appear on the list of winners, for they have increased their acquaintances and have cemented their bonds of friendship even closer than when admiring friends placed their names before the public as a candidate for a prize.

Among the congratulations received by the fortunate are those of the candidates who were in the race against them in the same neighborhood, personal friends, in many cases who have come to the close of the contest lacking a few thousand votes to win.

It requires good spirit to put up a battle of this nature, and it takes a good strong will to be a cheerful loser, but we are sure that this is the way that the contestants who did not win in The Caucasian contest will feel.

Closing Hours Were Exciting.

With the closing of the contest for the beautiful prizes offered by The Caucasian, there was ended one of the largest and most successful events of the kind ever held in this section. During the entire eight weeks the contest department was kept buried in votes, and as the closing days began to draw near the friends of the young ladies who wanted the prizes grew more anxious and showered votes on the department, and Saturday night the ballot box was almost full, and it was no small job to count the heavy mass of little white papers and have them filed in time for the announcement.

At 9 o'clock the last votes had to be polled, and the closing hours were very exciting, and to-day is made known the happy winners of the piano, the diamond rings, and the gold watches.

The result of these prizes will make a number of young people happy for a long time, and they will have cause to remember long the efforts in their behalf. The Caucasian desires to thank the contestants and

their friends for the interest taken and the good work which has been done in adding to the subscription lists of The Caucasian. The Caucasian regrets sincerely that it is not able to give prizes to all who took part in the contest, for all deserve to win the coveted prizes, and it hopes that those who won will enjoy them to the utmost.

A Main Feature.

If there is one class of citizens more interested than another in the great contest that has just closed, it is the business men and general advertisers, who have watched with interest the daily increase in votes made by the contestants, and have drawn their own conclusion as to the great increase in circulation, which means an added value to their advertisements. This comes only as a natural result since the greater number of readers the greater the value of The Caucasian as an advertising medium. What makes The Caucasian an ideal paper for merchants is the fact that a very large majority of the subscribers belong to what may be called the reading class—people who, when they get something they want, go out and get it. I do little good to a one's wares to the notice of a who cannot buy them.

Fairness of the Contest.

Disinterested parties everywhere business men and the contestants themselves, are praising The Caucasian for the impartial treatment accorded every candidate. Everything was done to facilitate the work of the contestants and their friends, and the result is that every one turned out in the best possible manner.

Some became doubtful as to the final count, but giving the benefit of the doubt was greatly appreciated. Personal interviews with the department, and learned methods of checking and re-checking, and the fact that the books of the contest were open for the inspection of the public, that a fair and square deal was positively assured to each contestant.

Because of this fact the interest and enthusiasm were greatly increased. It caused the contestants to put forth their best efforts so that they might be declared winners in the great prize contest.

Contestants Energetic.

It must be said in recognition of the good work done by the candidates that they devoted themselves heartily to the cause and through their efforts the public generally awakened to the fact that The Caucasian is certainly the paper for their homes, and to-day we have over a thousand new subscribers who are now among our staunchest friends.

Honor Deserved.

The successful contestants are named to-day as the results of the official count of the prominent and distinguished gentlemen who acted as judges and who had no concern in the contest other than to accept the invitation of the management to make a thorough and complete canvass of the votes. The mere mention of the names of these gentlemen is assurance of their integrity. They are well-known and highly esteemed by their business associates, and by all with whom they come in contact as thorough and honorable business men.

Five Governors Endorse Proposed Meeting.

Austin, Texas, Oct. 10.—Governors of five Southern States have endorsed the proposal of Governor O. B. Colquitt, of Texas, for a conference on higher prices for cotton. T. N. C. Chief Executives of Virginia, Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Kansas.

Wants Supreme Court
Compensation
Washington, D. C.
United States
Sep. 1, 1911
Greensboro, N. C.