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NORTH CAROLINA SATISFIED WITH A WINNING NOMINEE

Representative Patterson Gives an Admirable Summing up of the Preferences of the Old North State as to the Presidency.

In Brief, it is Anybody to Beat Roosevelt--The Fate of Rathbone a Hard One--Considering the Grafters in Washington.

(A. W. Hughes.) (Special to The News.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.--Representative Patterson of the Sixth North Carolina District expressed what should be the sentiment of every Democrat in the Southern States who feels that this country has had enough of the administration of the present occupant of the White House and his lackeys, when he said that North Carolina Democrats will be very deliberate in making up their minds on the subject of a presidential nominee because they want, more than they want any particular man, that the next President should be elected by the Democratic party. "Any good Democrat, and none but a good Democrat," said Mr. Patterson, "will be the convention's choice will be acceptable to North Carolina. The question for Democrats of our State to consider, therefore, is what man will be most acceptable in States where, in order to win, it is necessary to make Democratic gains. I think our people are generally inclined to take this broad party view, and they are willing to subordinate their personal preferences to the general good." What the outcome of the opposition to General Leonard Wood's confirmation as major-general will be, appears at the present time exceedingly doubtful. It is unfortunate for General Wood that he should have felt himself compelled to find a scape-goat for the Republican administration of affairs in Cuba during the military occupation of that island and that he selected Rathbone who had done on a small scale what Wood himself was doing with a free hand. Both Wood and Rathbone doubtless have the sympathy of many of our high government officials of this Republican administration in their present predicament of having the time left of military occupation of their little game of employing public funds in the purchase of articles for private use. It is a little game with which many of the said officials are perfectly familiar. Carriages and horses purchased with government funds presumably to run an official business may be seen any day conveying the families of government officials on shopping or social expeditions. Messengers and other employees of the executive departments, carried on the government rolls at \$60 and upward are detailed to act as coachmen, footmen, butlers and waiters at the homes of said officials.

An investigation of certain other departments than that connected with the Postal Service might not find the same kind of misappropriation of government funds but there would be interesting revelations doubtless.

How many of your readers know the location of Salt river, up which so many men now prominent in the political life of the country may soon take their little journey? It will doubtless be some consolation to these gentlemen to know that this noted although not well known theme is to be improved. But as to its location, it wanders through the fourth congressional district of Kentucky, where interests are in the hands of Representative David H. Smith, of Kentucky and he it is who has proposed that Salt River be improved. The bill introduced by him (district of Kentucky), where interests made in accordance with the survey and suggestions of Major Amos Stickney, corps of Engineers, United States Army, made in 1886. No less than \$175,000 is called for by the bill, which if they foresee the fate of their party might induce "Uncle Joe Cannon" to "let pass" in order to prepare a place for themselves and their next Presidential nominee.

A carcass of a big black bear, killed in the mountains of North Carolina, was brought here by boat today and sold to a dealer in the Center Market who will display it in the decorations of his stall next week for the Thanksgiving season. It weighs over 200 pounds and its thick coat of hair makes it look heavier.

North Carolina farmers are not getting good prices for their eggs, they say, and will remain until the extra session has been declared adjourned.

out license or the payment of tax of any kind. And that any tobacco grower may sell his own product or may employ another person to carry it to market and sell for him any tobacco grown by himself, in the hand or in the leaf, or stemmed, or stemmed and hand-twisted or hand pressed without any license and without paying tax of any kind.

LOUISVILLE FIREMEN. Accused of Looting Houses on Day of Masonic Temple Fire.

Louisville, Nov. 21.--Six members of the Louisville Fire Department today were notified by Chief Tyson to appear before the Board of Public Safety Monday to answer the charges of looting in yesterday's blaze which destroyed the old Masonic Temple. Both Mayor Granger and Chief Tyson declined at this time to give out the names of the accused men. The men implicated belong to two hook and ladder companies and fine goods were identified as having been in jewelry store and drug store in lockers were found under mattresses in the engine house. The most remarkable statement made by witnesses and which in part instigates proceedings was that the firemen were seen to sit down in two shoe-stores while fire was raging over their heads and deliberately try on shoes until they found a pair which fitted. The charges that these men carried back to the engine house after the fire, three dozen pairs of shoes was made by spectators. A hundred and fifty dollars worth of merchandise pipes was taken from a case in the Fowler Drug store. The box office of Hopkins Theatre and trunks in dressing rooms were rifled, the desk was broken open, in one case an axe being used to get into the drawer. The jewelry store of Rodgers and Krull was looted of all valuables, worth over \$1,000.

DID NOT INTERFERE. Admiral Coghlan Denies That There Was Any Interference With German Boats.

Washington, Nov. 21.--The Navy Department yesterday received a report from Admiral Coghlan at Colon, replying to an inquiry whether there was any truth in the report that the German steamer Markomania and Scotia had been stopped at Colon by American men of war. Admiral Coghlan states that the Markomania stopped off at Colon on the route to Carisena. The Scotia arrived about sunset three days over due. It was informed that no harm would be permitted to land but the vessel was not interfered with and only darkness prevented her getting alongside the dock at once.

Cuban Bill For Dec. 15. Washington, Nov. 21.--A suggestion has been made which seems to meet with general approval, that the Senate fix a time for voting on the Cuban bill about the middle of December, in the regular session and that the extra session adjourn sine die before Thanksgiving.

It was learned tonight that strong opposition has developed in the House to an adjournment of the special session prior to passage of the bill to make the Cuban treaty effective. Leaders of the House base their opposition to the program suggested on the ground that a special session having been convened by the President for a specific purpose it would not be courteous to adjourn until action is had.

Brazil Will Recognize. Washington, Nov. 21.--The State Department received a cablegram yesterday from U. S. Minister Thompson, dated at Petropolis, stating that the Brazilian minister for foreign affairs had informed him that the Brazilian government was ready to recognize the new Republic of Panama whenever application is made in due form.

Ambassador Tower from Berlin, made a similar report as to the attitude of the German government toward Panama.

Panama Must Ratify First. Washington, Nov. 21.--The President and Secretary Hay, have decided--and the decision meets the approval of the cabinet, that the existing government of Panama must ratify the canal treaty before action looking to its ratification by the Senate is taken. The administration has determined that there shall be no repetition of the Colombian government to complete the ratification of the treaty after final action.

Miners' Strike Almost Settled. Denver, Nov. 21.--As a result of action taken by miners in the Northern Colorado Coal fields last night and today the strike is about settled. The union of the coal miners of Louisville, the principal camp of the Northern Colorado Coal fields, voted last night on the revised proposal of the operators and accepted it.

Railway Disaster in Spain. London, Nov. 21.--The Daily Mail's Lisbon correspondent says that several persons were killed and many others belonging to the highest families, including the Duchess of Palencia, chief lady-in-waiting to the Queen's bed-chamber, were severely injured in a railway accident on the Cascaes line, thirty-five miles from Lisbon.

Cold Weather Knocks Out Yellow Fever. Laredo, Tex., Nov. 21.--Cold weather has prevailed again and there is every probability that will soon stamp out the yellow fever. Only 19 new cases are reported.

HILARIOUS AT THE VERDICT. Miller and Johns Acquitted By the Federal Court.

(By Associated Press.) Cincinnati, Nov. 21.--D. V. Miller, of Terre Haute, and Joseph M. Johns, of Rockyville, Ind., were last night acquitted of the charge of conspiracy to extort a bribe from John L. Ryan, made by the postoffice department. The verdict of "not guilty" was received by the crowd with demonstrations that could not be suppressed by the court officials. As soon as court adjourned, Judge Albert C. Thompson had retired, pandemonium broke loose among the jollifying friends of the defendants, Miller and Johns and their attorneys were overwhelmed with congratulations. The defendants finally broke away from the crowd of friends to shake hands with the jurors, and wept like children as they did so. Mrs. Johns was the only lady present when the verdict was rendered. She was overcome with joy.

HART B. DANKS DEAD. He was the Author of "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

Philadelphia, Nov. 21.--Hart B. Danks, a musical composer of National repute and formerly noted singer, was found dead yesterday in his boarding house here. He was 79 years old. Mr. Danks was the composer of many old-time popular songs, including "Don't be Angry with me, Darling" and "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

LEONARD S. ALLEN DEAD. He was Formerly General Passenger Agent of the Seaboard Air Line.

Chicago, Nov. 21.--Leonard S. Allen, formerly general passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line, is dead at his home here, aged 53 years, from dropsy. On account of illness, Mr. Allen resigned his position in 1901, which he had held for four years, and since that time he had resided in Chicago.

Boston Men Buy a Southern Railroad. Thomasville, Ga., Nov. 21.--T. Jefferson Coolidge, President of the Old Colony Trust Company of Boston, and N. Atkinson, his Southern representative, have bought the stock of the Tifton, Thomasville and Gulf Railroad, heretofore owned by the Georgia Georgia Southern and Florida road.

This is understood to mean that the Tifton, Thomasville and Gulf will be merged with the Atlanta and Birmingham. The date on which the merger is to be effected, it is understood, is Dec. 3, when a meeting of directors will be held here.

MR. WEBB RETURNS TO HIS HOME. He Says the Extra Session of Congress Has About Finished Its Work and That an Adjournment Will Take Place Next Week.

Congressman E. Y. Webb was a Charlotte visitor this morning for a short while. He came in from Washington on No. 33 and at 10:30 o'clock left for his home in Shelby.

The extra session of Congress, so Mr. Webb states, is practically at an end. An adjournment was taken yesterday until next Tuesday and on that day another adjournment will take place until Friday in order that the law-makers may spend Thanksgiving with their families.

Mr. Webb states that he is now quartered at the Riggs House, Seven North State Congressmen are now making this hostelry their Washington home. Two, however, will soon leave the Riggs. Congressman Page is to move his family to Washington at the beginning of the regular session which will be December 7th. Senator Simmons, who is now quartered at the Riggs, has rented him a home in the Highlands, a beautiful residence suburb and will move his family there at the opening of the regular session.

Mr. Webb is very much in love with the Democratic House leader, Mr. Williams of Mississippi. He says that he has been equal to the occasion and has wisely guided the minority during the days of the extra session. Mr. Williams, according to Mr. Webb, is not only a gifted speaker but is the master of five different languages and wital is a man of splendid common sense. His tactics during the report on the Cuban Reciprocity Bill was considered a masterly handling of a very delicate subject. He came out of the debate with flying colors and the Republicans, even, were forced to admit they were up against a real proposition when they tackled the Mississippian.

Mr. Webb does not look for any legislation of national importance before the Christmas holidays. He believes that Congress will rock along until the new year and then the law-makers will get down to real business. He will return to Washington Tuesday and will remain until the extra session has been declared adjourned.

The North Carolina Congressmen who returned to their homes last night were Mr. Gudger, Mr. Page, Mr. Kluttz and Mr. Webb.

COLOMBIAN PAPERS UNANIMOUS AS TO RETAKING PANAMA

President Marroquin States That There Will be No Trouble About Protecting American Citizens in Colombia.

The Colombian Papers Report the Unanimous Uprising of the People to Suppress the Secession Movement.

Borota, Nov. 21.--President Marroquin has made the following statement to the Associated Press in response to queries as to the political situation in Colombia: "United States Minister Beaupre and all Americans here are surrounded with every guarantee for safety. The situation in the interior of the Colombian Republic is quiet. The proceedings of the Washington Government interfere, unhappily, with good feeling in both countries, being a barrier in the way of a higher enterprise, advantageous not only to them but humanity in general. No matter what the procedure of the Government at Washington may be, persons and property of the citizens of the United States here remain confined to the traditional honor of the Government and people of Colombia."

Volunteers of all Parties. Colombian newspapers express the hope that the American press will help the cause of Colombia. It is anticipated that the entire country rejects the independence of the isthmus and demands that the Colombian government send troops to suppress the secession movement. Volunteers, without distinction of political parties, are enrolling with enthusiasm and the liberal leaders who have been enemies of President Marroquin have offered him their services. Two regular meetings could have been held to protest against the presence here of the American minister but the Government issued orders forbidding them to be held. A battalion of troops is on duty at the United States Legation. Public opinion here demands that Panama be compelled to submit to the Government of Colombia, which is within its right in concluding a canal treaty with the United States. The population of Borota is quiet and the newspapers of the Capital are calmly but energetically discussing the situation.

MARROQUIN CABLES. Caracas, Nov. 21.--Official press here today published text of a cable message from President Marroquin of Colombia to President Castro notifying latter of recent events on isthmus of Panama, saying: "The sacred cause of sovereignty and integrity of all the republics of Latin America is one and the same, and including, 'Colombia hopes all sisters of Spanish America will cooperate with proofs of sympathy in the patriotic work undertaken by her. Colombia is ready to perish sooner than abandon the principle of her integrity.'"

GOMPERS RE-ELECTED. The Socialist Element Opposes Him But He is Vindicated in the Convention.

Boston, Nov. 21.--Samuel Gompers was today re-elected President of the American Federation of Labor. It was announced that Gompers would be opposed by the individual members of the Central Democratic Committee of Mecklenburg County urgently request Hon. S. B. Alexander, a man whom we know to be pre-eminently qualified in every respect to offer himself as an aspirant for the vacancy in the State Corporation Commission, and

Whereas this section is a great producing and manufacturing portion of North Carolina, and is covered by a network of railroads, and

Whereas we believe that its shipping and other interest should be more directly represented thereon;

Now therefore, we, the individual members of the Central Democratic Committee of Mecklenburg County urgently request Hon. S. B. Alexander, a man whom we know to be pre-eminently qualified in every respect to offer himself as an aspirant for the vacancy in the State Corporation Commission, to be filled by the next Democratic State Convention.

In the event Capt. Alexander assumes this high responsibility we appeal to all Democrats in the great Commonwealth to work for and to use every honorable means in their power to bring about his nomination and election.

And we further pledge to him, in this event, our loyal and enthusiastic support, and hereby appoint J. H. Weddington, W. E. Ardrey, H. J. Brown as a committee to call the attention of the people of North Carolina to his candidacy. November 20th, 1903. J. D. McCall, Chairman, W. C. Dowd, T. R. Robertson, W. N. Peoples, E. T. Cansler, Heriot Clarkson.

Judge McNeal Will Preside. Judge McNeal will preside at the approaching term of Superior Court in this county by an exchange arrangement, with Judge Neal Judge McNeal will also preside at the sessions of court held in this city during the first half of the coming year.

ON THE GRIDIRON. An Interesting Game in Progress At the Park.

Despite the fact that the weather is not very favorable, a good crowd went out to witness the game of football between Davidson College and Clemson this afternoon at Latta Park. It will probably be the best game seen here this year.

When asked what he thought were the chances for victory in the game this afternoon the Clemson manager replied: "I will tell you about that tonight."

This goes to show that there is no certainty on either side. The Presbyterians have learned a lesson about over-confidence and if they do any talking today it will probably be after the first whistle. The Clemson team is a rather heavy one and very fast, but somewhat battered up from her previous games. The Davidson boys are in good shape and that they will put up a plucky game has been demonstrated by their previous games here. The line-up was as follows: Davidson. Center. Mills, H. Derrick. R. G. Gibson. Forgythe. L. F. Sloop. Cogburn. R. T. Whitaker. McKeon. L. T. Dickson. Sadler. (cap). R. E. McInnon. Sifton. E. E. Hutchison. Wardell. Furtic. R. H. Fetzer. Wood. L. H. McCallie. Hanvey. F. B. McKay.

219 CASES PENDING. Heavy Docket Of Mecklenburg Superior Court--Cases 6 Years Old.

There are just 219 cases now entered on the docket of Mecklenburg Superior Court. These cases cover every conceivable form of lawsuit or litigation, involving amounts from a few hundred dollars up to many thousands. On examination of the docket in the office of the Clerk of the Court reveals the fact that some of these cases have been on the docket for six years, while many more have been docketed for three, four and five years. The oldest cases have passed through 31 sessions of court. The average number of jury cases disposed of at each term of court is from four to eight, while a larger number are settled by compromise and otherwise. The docket for the coming week's term of Superior Court will contain only about a dozen cases for a jury.

Isle of Pines Ceded. Washington, Nov. 21.--The treaty for cession of the Isle of Pines to Cuba was today favorably acted upon by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and it will be favorably reported to the Senate at the next executive session.

FOR CORPORATION COMMISSIONER. Friends of Capt. S. B. Alexander Announce His Candidacy for the Vacancy on This Commission--An Appeal to Democracy.

The friends of Capt. S. B. Alexander today announced this gentleman's candidacy for a position on the Corporation Commission, and

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FEARFUL HOLOCAUST; TWENTY SEVEN PERISH

More Than a Hundred Italian Laborers Were Sleeping in a Shanty When it Caught Fire--The Shanty Was One Hundred Feet Long and Only One Story High

(By Associated Press.) Johnstown, Pa., Nov. 21.--While more than a hundred Italian laborers were asleep in a shanty near Lilly, Pa., on the Pennsylvania railway, early today, the building caught fire and before the foreigners could escape at least 27 were burned to death and a score or more seriously injured. The men were employed by McNamin and Sims on the Pennsylvania railroad improvements between Lilly and Potage. There were 500 on the job, all Italians, and in the shanty which was burned about 100 feet long, one story in height, one end used for cooking and eating. At the other end men slept in bunks which were crowded. There was only one door at each end and the windows were few and small. The fire was supposed to have started from overheating the stove. The building burned like tinder and the flames were upon the men before any of them were aroused. Then began a struggle for the outside and for life. The weaker being crushed down and trampled. Others were roasted to death. Many of those who did manage to get out had their savings of years in trunks which they left in the building. For the sake of their money they returned and gave up their lives. A witness says he does not believe a single man of those who returned succeeded in getting out again. The bodies of all were practically burned to piece, Italians who knew every man in the shanty were unable to identify a single one.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS. Two in Paw Creek, One At Newell--Other Schools Opening.

A number of new school buildings are being erected in Mecklenburg county this autumn. A handsome school building at Newell is in course of construction; Paw Creek has two new school houses nearing completion, besides others just completed or contemplated for the future. Professor Davis, of Lumberton, arrived in the city today and will take charge of the new academy in Morning Star, dedicated Thursday. The new school at Downs' school house will open Monday in Providence township with C. D. McNeely as principal.

A new teacher has also been secured for Sharon Academy in district No. 3, in the person of J. B. Henson, Graham county.

One of the new buildings in Paw Creek will be ready for the opening of school next week. The second will be ready in about one month. The schools of the county are now in a most flourishing condition and good work is being done on all sides.

NORTH CAROLINA DAY. Will Be Observed in Mecklenburg Schools Dec. 18.

North Carolina Day will be observed in the county schools of Mecklenburg this year on December 18. This day will be celebrated throughout the State generally.

Charge To No. 33. With the general changes of schedules on the Southern Railway on the 29th, No. 33, the popular Wilmington and Jacksonville express, will also undergo change of schedule.

At the present this train reaches Charlotte at 9 o'clock in the morning. After the 29th, this train will arrive at 8:25 a. m., and will leave at 8:40. The hour for its arrival in Jacksonville will be 7:40 p. m. This train will handle Jersey City and Augusta and Jersey City and Jacksonville sleepers, also dining car.

Interesting Cotton Figures. The receipts of cotton at the city platform today amounted to 160 bales and the best price was 11 cents. For the same day last year the receipts amounted to 125 bales and the best price was 7.80.

The receipts for the week just ended amounted to 659 bales against 553 for the corresponding week of last year. Up to this date the receipts at the platform for this season amount to 3,784 bales, against 13,927 for the same period last year.

Decisions On Freight Rate Question. It is learned today that the briefs in the freight rate hearing held here by the Corporation Commission last Saturday, will be sent up to the Supreme Court in Raleigh early next week. The decision of the Supreme Court may be made inside of ten days, although the matter is somewhat uncertain.

Made Way With a Corset. The police docket for Monday will probably contain an interesting case, that of Cora Thambus, a colored dandy, charged with appropriating a corset which didn't belong to her. The woman put up \$15 and was released. She failed to appear this morning and the case was continued.

Pastor Falls Pounded. Rev. L. A. Falls, pastor of Brevard Street Methodist Church and his family were the recipients last night of a generous pounding given by the congregation.

Mr. Falls asks The News to return his thanks for the kindly remembrance.

Large Steamer in the World. (By Associated Press.) Baltimore, Nov. 21.--The White Star liner, Baltic, the largest steamer in the world, was successfully launched here today. Her displacement is 39,800 tons.

Think \$200,000 Water Bonds Will Go. A prominent attorney of this city who has spent the week in Raleigh states it as his opinion that the Supreme Court will act favorably on the appeal case involving the right of the water board of this city to issue \$200,000 bonds for maintaining a new water plant.

The opinion of the Supreme Court will likely be handed down some time next week.

Miss Johnson Better. The News and Observer of this morning says: "Yesterday Mr. Charles E. Johnson had a telegram from his wife, who is in Columbia, S. C., with her daughter, Miss Mary Johnson, who is ill with diphtheria, in which she says that her daughter rested well the night before and is better. The physicians give this gratifying news and say her restful night helped her."

Favorable Report on Cuban Treaty. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 21.--The Senate committee on Foreign Relations today authorized a favorable report on the bill giving effect to the Cuban reciprocity treaty.