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WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE PRESIDENT'S WESTERN TRIP.

The Republicans Will Control the Next Senate.

(Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24, 1898.—President McKinley talks with the greatest enthusiasm of his experience on his Western trip. Although it was a period of hard work for him, as in addition to the speeches he made and the receptions he held, he transacted a great deal of important public business, having been accompanied by two Secretaries and in constant telegraphic communication with Washington, he says he would not have missed the object lesson in the patriotism of the people, which he saw everywhere, for anything. He will, this week attend the peace jubilee at Philadelphia and possibly make a short trip further east. President McKinley will not talk politics for publication, but his personal friends know that he is pleased with the political information he obtained on his trip and that he is perfectly confident that the country will emphasize its indorsement of his administration and its great accomplishments by electing a Republican majority of the House, to assist the Republican Senate, which will exist next March, in carrying out his policy and in maintaining and adding to the prosperity which the country is now enjoying as a direct result of Republican legislation and administration. His confidence in the success of the Republicans in the Congressional elections is shared by all the party leaders who are in Washington.

In a letter received in Washington, Miss Lillian M. Kratz, who has been a nurse in the military hospital at Santiago since July, says: "Now, about our work here among the poor soldier boys. Well, everything is being done for them within reason in spite of the many reports to the contrary, as we see in the daily papers, and I am sure there is no room for complaints at this end. They have eggs, at the rate of ten cents per egg; soup, fresh meat; in fact, they have everything the island affords for their benefit and comfort, and they have comfortable cots and plenty of clean linen &c., and I really think, taking the circumstances into consideration that they are treated as well as they possibly could be treated." Miss Kratz is not an amateur, but a regular graduate of St. Luke's hospital at St. Louis, and is therefore competent to judge of what she writes.

Mr. Charles Counselman, a member of the Chicago Board of Trade, who is now in Washington, gives the following as a business man's view of the political outlook: "Just as soon as this election is over and the country feels once more safe, by reason of the success of the Republicans, there is going to ensue an era of the most wonderful prosperity in our history. The success of the Republicans this year, I deem vital, for it will mean the permanent elimination of the free silver issue. If the Democrats should happen to carry the House they will feel encouraged to once more try to rouse the people with the financial fallacies that they failed with in 1896. That would mean a check on returning prosperity, for the mere supposition of danger of a degraded currency makes business men timid."

The Board of Army officers appointed to examine the Spanish small arms captured at Santiago, has made a report that seven thousand of the Mauser rifles could be easily put in condition to be used. The Board did not report on the question of using these rifles in the army, but unless there should come a time when more rifles would be needed in a hurry than we could get, there is no probability that we will ever use them. The Mauser rifle requires ammunition that is not interchangeable with any rifle used in our army. That alone is enough to prevent our making use of these seven thousand rifles which can easily be sold.

Adjutant General Cowles, of N. C., says the state will go Republican by 40,000 majority, and that the party will certainly hold its own in the Congressional Districts with a probability of gaining.

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A TRIP TO THE GREAT TRANS-MISSISSIPPI INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION AT OMAHA.

Leaving Hickory Monday night, Oct. 10th, in company with Mr. M. W. Lincke and sister, of Nashville, N. C., we made the trip to Omaha by the Southern, Iron Mountain and Missouri Pacific Railways. When passing through Alabama our train broke down causing us to miss connection with the regular train for St. Louis. Next the quarantine officers met us about ten miles on this side of Memphis and after having us transferred to a small car and after being securely locked in, we were carried through Memphis at break-neck speed. Our destination was Bald Knob, Ark. Here we had a lay over of four hours. After getting breakfast and taking a much needed rest we again started on our journey. We made close connection at St. Louis for Omaha arriving there at 12:55 p. m., Thursday. The different parts of the country through which we passed are interesting and the farmers all seem to be enjoying McKinley prosperity. Omaha is a fine town with a population of 150,000. It was founded in 1854. It is today one of the most important commercial distributing centers in the Central West. Within the limits of Omaha there are 24 square miles. There are 67 miles of well lighted, well paved streets; 600 miles of graded streets; 120 miles of sewers. Original cost of public improvements \$10,026,435; expenditures for 1897, over \$400,000. Omaha has 200 miles of water mains; pumping capacity 22,000,000 gallons daily. Omaha's public buildings represent an investment of over \$2,500,000. Omaha is the third largest live stock market in America. Receipts for the year 1897 were: Cattle, 825,689; hogs, 1,594,083; sheep, 612,802; horses and mules, 6,632; total number cars, 60,083. Value of annual products of South Omaha packing houses, \$75,000,000. The smelting and refining works are the largest in the United States; annual output from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000. Annual product of Omaha manufactories exceed \$80,000,000 in value. There are 120 wholesale houses; aggregate capital \$10,000,000; total annual sales \$40,000,000. Total clearings for 1897, as reported by the Clearing House, \$243,152,000. Fourteen railways converge at Omaha; 80 passenger trains arrive and depart daily; five railways maintain headquarters at Omaha; the Burlington Union depot now under construction will cost \$400,000. There are 215 miles of telegraph wire; 1,000 of single telephone wire; 20,000 feet of cables and 93 miles of pole lines; underground system of 48,000 feet of cables, 33,313 of trench, equal to 1,724 miles of single wire. There are 95 miles of electric car lines, reaching all points of interest—Elmwood, Riverview, Hanscom Parks and the city of Council Bluffs. Omaha's public parks embrace 560 acres. Total U. S. revenue collections for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1897, \$1,310,739.61. Tax on distilled spirits in bond, \$622,440.50. Estimated custom duties collected at the port of Omaha during the last fiscal year \$736,117.15. Eighty-six railway postal clerks report to the Omaha office. Omaha is military headquarters of the Missouri; Ft. Crook, recently completed at a cost of \$800,000, is garrisoned by eight companies; a large army supply depot is maintained in Omaha. Omaha has fifty public and parochial schools, and eleven colleges; the public buildings cost \$1,500,000. There are 120 church edifices and mission houses; aggregate Sunday attendance 30,000. The public library contains 52,304 volumes. The art and curio collection, bequeathed by the late Byron Reed, is valued at \$1,000,000. Lininger Art Gallery is one of the most noted in the West. The Coliseum has a seating capacity of 12,000. It is one of the largest convention halls in the United States.

THE EXPOSITION.

We will not attempt to say much about the exposition as it would not be an easy matter to estimate the value of such an exposition. The exhibits are very good and taken in all, the general impression of the exposition must be decidedly satisfactory. In a deeper sense, it would seem to be an exposition of much significance, illustrating, as it does, the commercial, the manufacturing, the agricultural and the mining progress of a section of the country—a vast resourceful empire in itself.

While in Omaha we received courtesies from The Omaha Bee which was appreciated. The Southern, Iron Mountain and Missouri Pacific Railways give the best service, and parties going West will do well to take this route. J. F. M.

THE TWO CAN'T STAND.

SEN. PRITCHARD'S REPLY TO MR. CHADBOURN'S LETTER.

No Events Have Taken Place in New Hanover Since His Last Letter.

MARSHALL, N. C.,

Oct. 19, 1898.

HON. W. H. CHADBOURN,
Wilmington, N. C.

SIR:—I have read your letter of the 18th instant, which is addressed to me and published in The Raleigh Post, a Democratic daily newspaper in this State, in which you attempt to modify certain statements made over your own signature in a letter addressed to me on the 26th day of last September, which letter, I am informed, was written by you of your own volition and without the procurement, directly or indirectly, of any one.

Among other things, you say in your letter, "Since writing you on September 26th, certain events have taken place in this community which necessitate some further explanation on my part in order to put myself right before the community here." I am not aware of any "events" that have transpired in your midst since the date of your former letter. You certainly have not held an election in New Hanover since that date. No colored man has been appointed to a Federal or county office since then. At this time you stated plainly and unequivocally that there was no nigger domination in New Hanover county. You said: "From the above statement you will see that the whole thing is a lie, and got up to deceive you people of the west. It isn't nigger domination or white supremacy, it is Democratic office holding." In view of this particular statement, your conduct is somewhat mysterious, to say the least of it. You also say in your recent letter that you apprehend that "riot, arson and bloodshed" will prevail in New Hanover county unless the Republican party withdraws from the contest in that county and permits the minority to rule the majority, thereby South Carolinaizing a portion of the Old North State.

There can be but one construction placed on the foregoing statement, and that is that unless the Democratic party in New Hanover county is permitted to control all the offices of that county that it will resort to bloodshed, arson and riot. I am well acquainted with a number of Democrats living in your city, and I cannot for one moment entertain the opinion that the members of the Democratic party in New Hanover county are ready to commit the crimes referred to in order to regain control of your county and municipal affairs. I am therefore forced to conclude that you have been unnecessarily frightened by some of the hot-headed Democratic ward-healers who do not represent the true spirit and purpose of the party. The day of bull-dozing and intimidation in North Carolina has departed, and it had as well be understood here and now that the majority of the people of this State are determined to control its affairs by peaceable and legal methods.

You also say that no National principles are involved in this contest. On this point I beg leave to differ with you, in view of the fact that a Legislature is to be elected this year, which, if Democratic, will enact such election laws which will preclude the possibility of ever electing a Republican Congressman or a Republican United States Senator in the future.

Inasmuch as the Democratic papers of the State have published your last letter, I call attention to your former letter, which reads as follows:
SENATOR J. C. PRITCHARD,
Marshall, N. C.

SIR:—As the Democrats seem to make Wilmington and New Hanover county the principal points of attack which arguing for white supremacy and against negro domination, it might be well for you to know the facts about this city and county, so that their arguments may be controverted. The plain facts are as follows, and can be proven by anybody in this locality; and all their talk and palaver about the negro running riot over this city and county is a gross lie, and is doing much harm in a business way.

I will begin with the city to show you that the whites are in absolute

control, but what hurts them is, that the whites in power are not Democrats. We have a white Mayor, Chief of Police and Captain of Police. Three white Sergeants out of four, twenty-two white Policemen out of thirty-two. A white Superintendent of Streets and one-half the street laborers are white. A white City Clerk and Treasurer, and a white Deputy Clerk and Treasurer. We have ten Aldermen, of which seven are white. Wilmington has also a Board of Audit and Finance appointed by the Governor, to have absolute charge of all the finances of the city, and of this Board of five members, four are white, and three of the four Democrats, making it in reality a Democratic Board. This Board has a clerk, and he is a white Democrat. The city is in a better financial condition than for twenty years, paying all its bills twice a month and putting by a sinking fund of nearly ten thousand dollars annually to pay its bonded indebtedness. It has borrowed less money this year for its current expenses than any year for the past twenty years. There has been more building of houses and greater evidences of prosperity here than any time since the war, which will continue, unless the false statements that go out from here about negro domination and misuse drive people and business away from us. The receipts at the post-office are increasing more than ten per cent. annually, which is the most correct gauge of business.

In the post-office there is only one more colored man than under the last Democratic administration, and he is night watchman. Every clerk in the post office that comes in contact with the public is white.

As for the county, the Sheriff is white, his Deputy is white, the Jailor is white, the Sheriff's clerks are white, the Criminal Court Clerk is white, the Circuit Court Clerk is white, his Deputy is white, the County Physician is white, the Board controlling the City and County Hospital is entirely white, the Deputy U. S. Marshal is white, the Deputy Internal Revenue Agent is white, the Clerk of the U. S. Court is white, the Jury Commissioners are white.

You may well ask, as the negro has been continually doing for the last five years, where the negro comes in? And with all this they parade us up among your people as being negro-ridden, and in the last straits of despair and distress, but I tell you that when our city and county bonds cannot be bought at par, and our bank stock from twenty to sixty per cent. above par, that we are not going to throw up the sponge yet.

From the above statement you will see that the whole thing is a lie, and got up to deceive you people of the west. It isn't negro domination or white supremacy. It is Democratic office holding.

They have also said much about negro school committeemen. In Wilmington we have two school districts, and there has been a negro on each of these committees for twenty years or more. These two colored committeemen have always sat with the committee and voted on all questions, election of teachers, etc., for the white schools, the same as for the colored, and this under Democratic rule. It has not been changed under Republican rule, neither have the committees been changed except to replace one Democrat on one of the Committees with another Democrat.

I have written very fully about the situation here, as I learn from Mr. Walter Henry and others that the situation here has been grossly misrepresented to the western part of the State, and I thought a true statement from me might help to set it straight.

Respectfully,
W. H. CHADBOURN.

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 26, 1898.

The foregoing statement is a correct version of the condition that exists in New Hanover, and no amount of palliation or retraction can bolster up the falling fortunes of the Democratic party. The people of North Carolina appreciate the manifold blessings that have followed as a result of the overthrow of Democratic policies and methods, and are not to be deterred by the scarecrow of negro domination. It has done service for the Democratic party in this State for a quarter of a century and is brought into requisition again simply because the Demo-

crats find their record in the State and Nation cannot be defended.

Your two letters cannot stand together. The first was written when there were no hot partisan waves disturbing the calm and philosophic disposition of our people or yourself. The facts then stated and well known justify the conclusion reached by you. It startles the inquiring mind to know that any influence could have forced you to reverse your first statement just now on the eve of an election.

In conclusion I desire to say to you and all other Republicans that there is nothing to excite fear and no methods or even threats of an angry foe now desperate in its mad rush for political domination of the State should be allowed to shake the patriotic resolves of any good citizen of North Carolina in this struggle to perpetrate the blessings of good government.

Yours truly,

J. C. PRITCHARD.

A copy of the above letter was delivered to The News and Observer, Charlotte Observer and Raleigh Post, and each paper declined to publish it.

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One of the Civil Service Commissioners—M. S. Brewer—has admitted, very much to the disgust of certain smart aleck Democrats, and some others, that the Ohio Republican State Executive Committee violated no law in sending an agent to Washington with authority to invite the Ohio Republicans holding Federal offices to call on him at a private address, even though he solicited contributions from those who accepted his invitation. The law says no campaign contributions shall be solicited or received by a Federal official, and that no person shall solicit such contributions in a public building.

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