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All's well that ends well. Hurrah for Wilson and Marshall.

Wanted a job: Address Charles Evans Hughes, New York. Can furnish references.

Here's a hope that such a coalition as will enable the return of Cannonism to the House will not be formed.

Mr. Hughes' littleness is still being manifest. Congratulations or no congratulations, he is whipped to a frazzle.

The woman, whom the voters of Montana have sent to Congress, and who is the first of her sex to be accorded such an honor, is listed with the Republicans, but one of the planks in her platform was prohibition.

By way of warning: Let no precocious young trees in these parts get the idea that Spring and the time for the sap to rise has come. Old Jack Frost will swoop down on us the first thing we know and assert his rights.

Here comes Drifton before the smoke has cleared or even lifted from the battles of 1916 and makes the unpleasant suggestion that the Colonel will be the G. O. P. standard bearer four years hence. Let's rest awhile.

News item: Hughes and Willcox will remain in New York for another week, awaiting the official count from California. They have the drowning man and the proverbial straw story beat a block.

Looking at the map one sees that Mr. Hughes' sectional ideas were strictly adhered to by the vote given him. He received the electoral vote of no states outside the north-central and eastern states except Oregon, which failed to keep step with her sisters of the West.

Several ships have been sunk by German submarines recently without warning, it is alleged in the first reports. Some of the Mediterranean line ships have been sunk, but is also reported that they carried guns. It must be borne in mind that Germany and the United States have never gotten together on the armed-ship matter. Germany has maintained all the time that passenger ships, which carried guns, were subject to attack without warning, but the United States has claimed otherwise. The sinking of such armed ships now will probably bring the matter to a head, and some definite understanding with Germany be had.

### ORGANIZATION OF HOUSE.

The organization of the next House of Representatives will furnish one of the most interesting fights ever staged in the lower branch of the Nation's law-making body. From the face of returns now at hand neither side has a working majority, and must depend upon the vote of independents to carry their points. The odds, with a few districts in doubt, favor the Republicans, having a plurality and, of course, they will endeavor to elect the Speaker and supplant the Democratic chairman.

If the final returns give the Democrats control, or they are able to form such coalitions with the independents as to enable them to name the presiding officer and chairmen, there is little likelihood of any material changes being made in the present line-up, except, of course, where Democratic leaders have suffered a defeat in their districts. Champ Clark will be the Speaker and Claude Kitchin the majority leader, and other North Carolinians will preside over the important committees as now.

With the tables turned, and the Republicans having the privilege of organizing the House, the complexion of things will change up entirely. The election of Speaker will precipitate a most interesting fight. Logically, the Republicans will want to promote their present House leader, Jim Mann of Illinois. Washington talk has it that Mann would not be acceptable to the independents and to some of the Republican members, and such a situation will necessitate the casting about for another and more acceptable man.

Although Mr. Mann is the present leader and logical candidate of his party for speakership honors, his election would be distasteful to a great many people of the country. In the first place, he is not the calibre for the position. Mann is a narrow, bigotted and "little" politician. He possesses none of the characteristics essential to statesmanship; he is a product of the seniority system, and his elevation has been because of his long tenure in office and not because of any peculiar fitness for leadership.

If the Republicans have the organization of the House, the selection of most anybody for speaker will be preferable to Mann.

### TITLE NOT CLOUDED.

Chairman Willcox of the Republican National Committee says, in substance: The American people are entitled to know beyond a question as to their choice. They do not desire to have a man in the White House whose title is in the least clouded.

Mr. Willcox is right and the returns to date for the forty eight states of the Union indicate that the people have made it clear whom is their choice. Not unquestionably no, the American people do not want a clouded title hanging over their chief executive nor do they want to have any man, who would accept such title, even participating in a campaign as the nominee of any great party.

Mr. Wilson has been chosen to succeed himself at the end of a campaign which has been marked so far as he has been concerned by that dignity and bearing, which should characterize the man, called to so lofty place. His opponent, Mr. Hughes, has on the other hand resorted to mud-slinging, maligning, and the circulation of unfounded rumors and canards. In fact, Mr. Hughes' campaign, from the very issue of his carefully prepared attack on President Wilson in his acceptance of the nomination of his party down to the last speech that he made was conducted on a plane, which would be expected of a ward-heeling, peanut politician, but not from a candidate for high office.

Mr. Hughes' vilification of the President of The United States, although he was his opponent, has been distasteful to every right thinking person and his support has come not because of his unwarranted attacks on the President or because the people, who have voted for him, thought he was right, but for partisan reasons and in spite of the disappointment in their candidate, Mr. Hughes.

### WELCOME, CHURCH PEOPLE!

The Free Press, in behalf of the citizens of Kinston, welcomes the visiting church people, who have come here for the sessions of the State convention of the Christian church, beginning tonight, and running through Thursday. Not only are prominent members of the brotherhood from various congregations of the State here, but representatives of the several national boards will be heard.

Kinston is glad to have state gatherings always, and especially so when the religious and patriotic organizations come.

The homes of the city have been thrown open to the visiting delegates, and everything will be done to afford them comfort and pleasure while in our midst.

An analysis of the votes cast last Tuesday for Charles Evans Hughes but bears out our estimate of the intelligence of the American people. Our contention before election was that the intelligent—except, of course, we made allowance for the partisans—people of the United States would not turn their backs on the true and tried for the enigmatical and untried. Mr. Hughes' chief strength, it developed, came from the centers, where large numbers of illiterate and ignorant foreigners voted. The great rank and file of the intelligent business, professional, agricultural and industrial men voted for Woodrow Wilson.

### WHAT OTHERS SAY

#### WILMINGTON AFTER PACKING PLANT.

Wilmington Star: "Orangeburg, S. C., having organized a packing house company last summer has followed it up by organizing a creamery. A creamery is a collateral industry along with the livestock industry that is always prompted by a packing house industry. Later will come a cheese factory, and yet that is not all, since a large growth of the livestock industry in a state means a tannery sooner or later.

There is no other farm industry with so many possibilities in it as the livestock industry, and once Eastern North Carolina promotes the raising of cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, the result will astonish even those who have been convinced that the opportunity in this section for a livestock industry is one of inconceivable magnitude.

The Star, at times, has emphasized the opportunity for both a creamery and a packing house, and one Wilmington has either both will be a surety. We must keep in mind the indisputable fact that a livestock industry is the greatest means open to us for development. We have other farm and industrial opportunities as well, but we can't get away from the fact that the livestock state of Iowa has developed more rural wealth than ten of our cotton states combined. That surely ought to make us appreciate what wealth producing factors are livestock raising, packing houses, creameries, tanneries, and cheese factories.

Wilmington is on the right track in persisting in her packing house enterprise, and the \$20,000 to \$25,000 additional capital stock should be subscribed at once so no time may be lost in beginning operations and presenting the plans for promoting a great meat animal industry in this section. The adaptabilities here are too great for us to delay the vigorous prosecution of something that will develop this section and bring to it a desirable class of home seekers.

By reason of the fact that Orangeburg is to have a livestock market, Western parties already are negotiating for stock farms in the South Carolina counties embraced in the Orangeburg territory. That is one of the results of providing a market for livestock."

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## HOSPITAL LEGALLY PASSED, DR. HYATT ASSURES SKEPTICS

### If Validity Is Questioned Way Is Open for Contest. Declares—Pitt Will Follow Lead of Lenoir, Predicted

"Several of the friends of the county hospital are apprehensive that we will not get the hospital because the election was not carried by a majority of the registered vote," says Dr. H. O. Hyatt, in a letter to The Free Press. "The enabling act, chapter 42, Laws of 1914, says: 'If a majority of votes cast at such election on the proposition submitted shall be in favor of a county hospital and maintenance of same the Board of County Commissioners shall levy the tax so authorized.' The act is mandatory.

"If the opponents of the hospital want to contest the matter, the way is open.

"Pitt county is now in the heat of a hospital campaign. Their election will be held on December 5th. The enclosed letter from Greenville will be consolation to those who are fearful of the outcome.

Dr. H. O. Hyatt, Kinston, N. C. My dear Dr. Hyatt: Congratulations, and I trust you will be able to return them on December 5th. Do not worry about Article 7, Section 7.

Barrett is strongly in favor of county hospitals. As Attorney General, he considers them necessities. As Governor he will not change his opinion.

North Carolina's Supreme Court has got too much sense to consider the community hospital as anything other than a necessity.

Send me all the stuff you have got. I'm going to need it, particularly newspaper editorials.

Very sincerely your friend, CHAS. O'H. LAUGHINGHOUSE."

### JAPAN'S FOREIGN TRADE IS GROWING AT A GREAT RATE

By Ralph H. Turner (United Press Staff Correspondent) Tokio, Nov. 13.—Some idea of the wonderful progress Japan has made in her foreign trade since the war is gained from figures just announced here. In every part of the world this nation has been establishing her products, new markets have been opened and steamship lines subsidized by the government, extended to every big port of call on the face of the globe.

Greatest prosperity is being enjoyed, perhaps, in the trade with Russia, Japan's ally, who is buying everything from munitions to boots and shoes. In one month, last August-Japan exported goods to Russia valued at \$5,343,000. This figure becomes all the more significant when it is stated that the imports this country received from Russia reached only \$22,175, leaving a balance of \$5,320,825 in favor of the exports.

South America is another part of

the world where Japan has found markets which she hardly knew existed before. Exports to the South American countries for the first eight months of this year amounted to \$1,036,600, not a large figure when put alongside records in American trade, but worth considerable attention when it is recalled that during the same period last year, Japan's exports to South America were valued at only \$303,771. Thus her trade in that direction has been nearly doubled in a year.

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