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AN EDITORIAL STATEMENT

In The North Carolina Christian Advocate

EYE WITNESS INFORMS EDITOR.

State Board of Election Held An Informal Meeting Last Night Preliminary to the Work of Appointing the County Boards of Elections.

Special to The Sun.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 4.—An editorial statement in the North Carolina Christian Advocate, of Greensboro, to the effect that an eye witness "informs the editor that the First regiment encampment at Morehead two weeks ago was one grand debacle" including the trip home, has stirred the resentment of the staff officers and men and Col. J. T. Gardner, of Shelby, who was in charge in, with the co-operation of the staff officers, seeking to force a retraction on the part of the Advocate as well as ascertain the identity of the "eye witness." In concluding the attack on the encampment the editorial said: "Now is it not time for the people to have something to say about the spending of their good money once a year for nothing but affording an opportunity for an annual consumption of booze on the part of these military companies? So far as drill practice is concerned the whole thing is a picturesque farce. "One movement for refuting what the officers pronounce a slander on the officers and men of the regiment is the securing of statements from prominent men denying the charges. The chaplain of the company, Rev. Mr. Minter, is said to have given a statement denying the charges from an intimate knowledge of the camp life. Another statement exonerating the men is understood to be from Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, Charlotte.

Beginning with Monday's issue of the Raleigh Evening Times, J. E. Clark becomes news editor, succeeding Hilliard Bruce, who came here some months ago from Norwalk, Conn., and left "unceremoniously" for his home several days ago. S. H. Farabee, who has served with marked credit for more than a year as city editor resigned to accept one or another of several attractive propositions to take up newspaper work elsewhere and is succeeded by A. L. Fletcher, who gives up a law practice in North Wilkesboro to launch out into newspaper work.

The state board of elections held an informal meeting last evening preliminary to the work of appointing the county boards of elections, fixing the size of the state and congressional ballots and designating the board of canvassers. All members are here today and the work is being completed. They are, Wilson G. Lamb, chairman, Williamston; R. T. Claywell, Morganton; Clarence Call, Wilkesboro; A. B. Freeman, Hendersonville; R. L. Smith, Albemarle.

The inability of Wilmington batters to connect with the ball with Raleigh's new dummy pitcher, Payne in the box gave Raleigh the game yesterday by a score of 3 to 1. The score follows:

By innings— R. H. E. Raleigh 000 020 010—3 10 3 Wilmington 010 000 000—1 4 2

Batteries: Payne and Wren, Wyson and Kite. Two base hits, Flynn and Burke; bases on balls, Payne 3; Wyson 0. Struck out by Payne, 3; Wyson, 5. Double plays, Payne, Farmer and Hoover. Time 1 hour and 45 minutes. Umpire Mills.

Confederate veteran officials hereabouts interested in the success of the annual encampment or reunion of the North Carolina division United Confederate veterans, soon to be held in Winston-Salem are much disappointed at the order of the railroad companies allowing a special rate of only 1-3 cents per mile plus 25 cents instead of 1 cent per mile plus 25 cents as heretofore. Capt. A. B. Stronach, of the L. O. B. Branch camp here is

authority for the statement that not half the number of veterans will go from this section as intended to go had the old rate been granted. And his information is that much the same condition prevails in other sections.

The residence of Mr. Bert Williams, in West Raleigh, was entered by a burglar early this morning and \$35 in money and other valuables carried off. No clue was left behind. Attempts to break into the residences of Prof. Parks, of the A. & M. College, and Sion Pulley, both in West Raleigh are also reported to the police.

Governor Glenn leaves today for Montreal, where he will deliver an address Friday for a missionary conference of Presbyterians under the auspices of the Southern Presbyterian Assembly being held there.

Creates Peculiar Situation

By Wire to The Sun.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 4.—"I have not a thing to say either regarding Judge Speer's decision or the rulings of the Inter-State commerce commission," said Judge Samuel G. McLendon, of the Georgia railroad commission to The Associated Press today, when shown despatches relative to rulings on increased rates on hay, grain, meat and other food products to the Southeastern States. "When the final decision is reached by the Georgia railroad commission to act."

The effect of the decision of Judge Speer is peculiar. In Georgia an injunction remains in force prohibiting the increase of rates on the commodities in question, while in other States in the Southeastern territory, including Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, the courts have not acted and the railroads were at liberty to increase rates on August 1st. It was this situation that led the roads affected—and there are a dozen or more—to seek relief from the Inter-State commerce commission by asking an order for permission to rescind or modify their proposed increases throughout the Southeastern territory. This, the Inter-State commerce commission refused to allow. As a result the roads stand in the position of being compelled to give Georgia lower rates than other States or violate the order of Judge Speer, or of refusing to obey the order of the commission to put their rates into effect.

The railroads took the position that by obeying the order of Judge Speer they would determine against other States, North and South Carolina also come into the queer situation. It was freely stated here today that the whole situation seems to hinge on the question whether or not the law gives the Inter-State commerce commission or the Federal courts jurisdiction over the question of rates under the Hepburn bill. Judge Speer's decision had the effect of giving Georgia lower rates than any other State and this resulted in an appeal to the commission in Washington. The whole situation at present seems to be that rates to Alabama, Florida, North and South Carolina.

It is expected, according to advices here, that a hearing on the matter will be given in Washington before the Inter-State commerce commission some time early this week with a view to harmonizing the situation.

Watterson and Mack Confer

By Wire to The Sun.

New York, Aug. 4.—Col. Henry Watterson, of Louisville, Ky., chairman of the press committee, of the Democratic National Committee, was a luncheon guest of Norman E. Mack, the Democratic chairman. The other guests were Roger C. Sullivan, member of the committee from Illinois; Urey Woodson, national secretary, and Mrs. Mack. Mr. Mack does not believe in doing political work on Sunday and he spent a free day. He made no appointments and the only consideration given campaign work related to the literary question which was discussed to some extent with Colonel Watterson and Mr. Sullivan. Josephus Daniels, of North Carolina, who will have active charge of the press work, is expected here soon and Colonel Watterson will await his coming.

An appalling amount of mail is arriving daily at the Hoffman House, and Mr. Mack is impatient to get headquarters opened here and in Chicago in order to take care of correspondence.

THOUSANDS DESTITUTE

Five Sweeping Towards Montana

SCORES ARE WIPES OUT

Over Five Hundred Dead—Flames Are Visible Fifty Miles And Is Sweeping Through The Richest Timber Section—Sending Relief Supplies.

By Wire to The Sun.

Cranbrook, B. C., Aug. 4.—Fire is sweeping on toward Montana. A hundred square miles have been devastated, and over two hundred are dead. Scores of towns are wiped out. Thousands have been reported homeless and destitute. Fire fighters are continually being driven back.

Flames are visible 50 miles and is sweeping through the richest timber section and destroying it.

Canadian and United States cities are sending relief supplies; committees of safety are being organized to prevent lawlessness and martial law will be enforced.

ONE OF THEM'S JUST BILL.

A Candidate Says "Mister" Will Do Ordinarily.

By Wire to The Sun.

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 4.—"Just call me Mr. Taft and if you drop into colloquialism call me 'Bill.'" This was Judge Taft's laughing reply today when granting audience to a number of newspaper men who had severally addressed him as "Mr. Secretary," "Governor," "Judge" and "Mr. Taft."

"I first got the name 'Bill' at Yale," continued Mr. Taft replying to a question. "Before I went there I had been 'Willie' in my home and among my Cincinnati boyhood friends. But when I got through school I was called Will at home. My younger brother Harry however, never called me 'Willie' after a happening one day at college. We roomed together on the top floor of Farnam Hall, our room was just over the middle entrance. Harry was a freshman, I a junior. He had gone out and forgotten to take with him a book he wanted. He came back to the entrance and, looking up on the outside, yelled 'O Willie.' Well, in a second there was a head out of every one of the 400 hundred windows, and it seemed as though everyone yelled at once. At any rate there was one long chorus of 'O Willie' that cured Harry. He has called me 'Bill' ever since."

"How about the 400 students? Oh, they called me 'Bill' just the same. You see I weighed 200 pounds then."

Mr. and Mrs. Taft attended services at St. Luke's Church today and listened to a sermon by Rev. Dr. John G. Scott.

"Get up and eat, for the journey is too long for you," was the text, from Second Kings, from which Dr. Scott drew the lesson that frequent spiritual food was as necessary for the present day Christian life as was the literal command to Elijah, which he had quoted.

James H. McCleary, Second Assistant Postmaster General and candidate for congress, who has just returned from a review of the situation in Minnesota and Wisconsin, spent Sunday here. Mr. McCleary assured Mr. Taft that in his opinion the republican situation in Minnesota is in excellent shape. It is his belief that Governor Johnson will not be a candidate for re-election.

In Wisconsin, Mr. McCleary says, he can see the good effect of the speech of acceptance already. The handling by Judge Taft of the railroad question, he says, has pleased the La Follette wing of the party in that state.

New Banks in Kansas.

By Wire to The Sun.

Topoka, Aug. 4.—The state bank commissioner reports that there have been started since the beginning of the year twenty-eight new banks in Kansas, generally in the small towns, and many of them with farmers for the larger part of their stockholders.

POLITICAL GATHERING

Kitchin Opens Campaign at Wentworth.

OVER 6,000 PEOPLE HEAR SPEECH

Democrats of Rockingham Proud to Have Kitchin and Brooks Open Campaign in That County—1,000 Ladies Present.

Andrew Joyner, in the News and Observer:

Wentworth, N. C., Aug. 3.—Old Rockingham set the pace for Democrats in all other counties today by giving W. W. Kitchin on his first appearance since becoming the Democratic candidate for Governor a rousing reception and the biggest political gathering ever assembled in the county. Every nook and corner of the county were fully represented, and while many unpracticed judges estimated the crowd at Wentworth today at eight thousand, a more accurate calculation would be six thousand, this not missing the mark a thousand either way.

The most inspiring as well as significant feature was the presence of at least one thousand women, the flowers of Rockingham's political and social garden.

The Democrats of Rockingham were naturally proud to have the candidate for Governor, Kitchin and for Congress, Brooks, consent to open their campaign in this county, but on viewing the record-breaking audience gathered when the speaking at one o'clock began in the oak grove, the candidates felt that they and not the county were the debtors.

The Republicans tried to have a rally here two weeks ago and had State Chairman Adams and a free dinner as the star attractions, getting a result of three hundred attendance, which being multiplied by ten, appeared as three thousand in some newspapers. The Democrats tried to have a rally today with no free grub attendants and over five thousand men and women came and brought enough to feed twice the number on eatables prepared and raised at home. It was a glorious Democratic feast, resembling more a great religious country camp-meeting than the usual political occasion.

But more than the crowd was the character and extent of the reception to Governor Kitchin and Congressman Brooks. They were escorted from Reidsville to Wentworth by a procession, headed by a band and cavalry of one hundred young men, and fifteen young ladies on horseback, followed by a procession threequarters of a mile long, of carriages, wagons and floats, one of the latter having twenty-five really beautiful young women. At various points along the ten miles other delegations joined in and when Wentworth was reached the procession reaching over more than a mile of road, the assembled thousands already on the ground to send up a great shout of admiration for the managers of the program as well as for the distinguished candidates.

The speaking began at 1 o'clock Mr. Brooks leading off with a brief but delightful account of his trip to the Democratic Convention at Denver and his recital of the enthusiasm of the West for Bryan and Kern awoke a response in his audience, plain to see and pleasing to hear. Mr. Brooks further caught the crowd by a few well turned applications of the present Democratic outlook compared to former campaigns, showing why the Republican party in a campaign would lose in the present election and mishapily in North Carolina.

Mr. Kitchin was at his best. He had not a note and declared he did propose until the Republicans nominated their candidate for Governor and adopted a platform to formally discuss the issues of State Democracy. But he proceeded to make a strong splendid speech, which held the careful attention of the vast audience to the end on fundamental Democratic principles, showing and illustrating

by apt anecdotes the difference between the two great organizations, in the State and nation. It is impossible to give even an outline of the great speech by wire.

It was the greatest day, politically, old Rockingham residents say, that ever was seen in the county. As an index of the temper of the people, this first experiment of testing their interest in Democratic principles, policies and candidates has had a result which should inspire the Democracy of the whole State, and the South. Rockingham has even been called politically doubtful. Today means one thousand Democratic majority for Rockingham, and life-long honor to the promoters of this occasion.

WRIT DISMISSED.

Judge O. H. Gulon Dismissed Habeas Corpus Proceedings.

Deputy Sheriff L. H. Forlaw, of Beaufort, came to the city last night. The sheriff had in custody, Joe Danenburg, of Goldsboro, N. C., who with his attorney, W. D. McIver, appeared before Judge O. H. Gulon today in a habeas corpus proceedings asking that Danenburg be released from custody.

Denburg was convicted in the mayor's court at Morehead City under ten indictments for selling a drink for which he had a United States license, and a violation of the town ordinance. The defendant appealed to the superior court and gave bond. He afterwards released his bondsman and appeared before Judge O. H. Gulon in chambers in the city of New Bern in a habeas corpus proceedings, seeking his release from custody.

Strong legal talent represented both the state and defendant. After hearing the evidence, Judge Gulon dismissed the writ and remanded the defendant back in to custody, stating that the habeas corpus proceeding was not the source to obtain his release, that the case would have to go through its proper channel on appeal to the higher court.

CONFERENCE TODAY

Between Secretary of War and Col. H. L. Scott

By Wire to The Sun.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Conference between Secretary of War Wright and Colonel Hugh L. Scott, is expected this afternoon on the fate of the cadets suspended for hazing.

Awaiting result of the conference there is great diversity of opinion as to what actually happened between President Roosevelt and General Wright and Mr. Loeb and what probably the disposal of the cadets case can be.

DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS.

Chairman Mack is Expected to Announce the Finance Committee.

By Wire to The Sun.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Democratic headquarters will be opened here tomorrow. Chairman Mack will arrive this evening and get the wheels in motion. Chairman Mack is expected to announce the finance committee and various sub-committees on his arrival here. The finance committee will be composed of prominent business men and fact they have consented to serve and are expected to assure the business world of their confidence in Bryan.

Police and Workmen Clash.

By Wire to The Sun.

Clinton, Mass., Aug. 4.—Five Italian workmen were shot by the police and two policemen were injured by rocks thrown by strikers in a battle between the workmen and the police.

The rioters were overpowered and some were arrested, and the rest were dispersed.

There were no deaths but some of the strikers are in a serious condition. The strikers were employed by J. W. Bishop Company.

Mr. Bryan's Speech

By Wire to The Sun.

Lincoln, Aug. 4.—The speech of acceptance of Mr. Bryan will be a short one. He states by actual count it contains 5,300 words. While the issues of campaign will be discussed it is understood they will not be gone into at a great length, his views being reserved for more elaborate treatment in several speeches he intends to make.

EXCITEMENT AT ORIENTAL

Negro Seriously Injures White Man

POSSE WAS OUT ALL NIGHT

Blood Hounds Sent From Greenville—Struck Trail About Four O'clock This Morning—Rendered Blow on Head That May Prove Serious.

Reports reached New Bern this morning that much excitement prevailed at Oriental yesterday afternoon and all last night.

According to reports, Wm. Harper, a negro, with a bad character, was asked by Mr. Richard Hodges, of that place, why he was on his (Hodges) land, and Harper abruptly replied: "Come over here and I will show you what I am doing here!"

It is said Mr. Hodges accepted the threat and went to the negro, and after an encounter, the negro procured a canoe and dealt Mr. Hodges several blows, breaking his thumb, bruising his body, and dealing a blow on the head that it is feared has fractured the skull. It is reported today that Mr. Hodges is in a critical condition.

The negro made good his escape, but every possible effort to capture him is being put forth. A posse of citizens and officers scoured the surrounding country last night, while blood hounds were sent from Greenville. The dogs are said to have taken an evening trail about 4 o'clock this morning and there are hopes of capturing the negro before night-fall.

One gentleman from that section, speaking of the matter, gave it as his opinion that if the man had been captured last night, he would have never heard a charge read out against him in a court house.

A brother of the negro, who was along, has been held under \$300 bond. It is said the brother took no part in the fight, and is being held as a witness.

THE STATE IS DOUBTFUL

At Least That is What Mr. E. C. Duncan Says About It

By Wire to The Sun.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Col. E. C. Duncan, a member of the Republican National Committee from North Carolina and recently chosen a member of the National Republican Executive Committee, arrived here today from New York, and is easily amenable to the interviewer. He says North Carolina is a doubtful State, and the Democrats will have to fight hard for what they get. The coming convention, he says, will mark the opening of the campaign. To the newspaper men here the colonel is going into long explanations to show that the State is fighting ground. "There is the same kind of reaction against corporation bailing in North Carolina as that in Georgia, which overwhelmed Hoke Smith; and the Republicans will profit by it" is the way he puts it.

He will leave tomorrow for Baltimore, and after a brief stay there he will go home to line up the boys.

Falling Off in Immigration

By Wire to The Sun.

New York, Aug. 4.—Immigration figures, just compiled for the fiscal year ending June 30th, shows a vast falling off in arrivals at this port. It has amounted to almost 50 per cent. as against the figures for the fiscal year of 1906.

Up to July 1st, 585,970 aliens passed through Ellis Island last year, 1,116,295 foreigners arrived here. In the fiscal year just ended approximately 600,000 foreigners left this city for their home countries. For the first time in some years, therefore the emigration is greater than the immigration.

John Mitchell Mediator

By Wire to The Sun.

New York, Aug. 3.—John Mitchell, will be asked to act as mediator, between the Delaware, Lackawana and Western Railway and the strikers.