

It is comforting to know that the Democrats have elected more members to the next Legislature of North Carolina than they had in the last, and proves that in the last, and proves that the Democracy of the State is advancing.

The figures show that Watson, the Democratic candidate for Governor this year, received more votes than Carr received in 1892. Guthrie, the Populist candidate, received less than half as many votes as Exum received in 1892, and the Populists elected fewer members to the next Legislature than to the last.

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Evangelist Life is holding a meeting at Henderson. A new \$100,000 cotton mill at Henderson will begin operations December 1st.

The Rutherford Democrat has been changed to the Vidette. Rev. G. A. Hough is still editor.

The next session of the Baptist State Convention will be held in Oxford in December of next year.

Mr. N. I. Deal, of Vashit, killed a hog a few days ago that weighed 552 pounds, says the Taylorsville correspondent of the Statesville Landmark.

The Wadesboro Messenger gives it out as a fact that C. O. H. Dockery will prove a factor in the senatorial fight before the Legislature in January.

Mr. W. L. James, the engineer who lost his life in the railway accident near Round Knob last week, was a member of the Knights of Pythias, and was insured for \$10,000.

Mrs. John Howard, widow of the fireman recently killed in the wreck near Round Knob, has instituted suit against the Southern Railway company for \$50,000 damages, says the Asheville Citizen.

According to the Raleigh News and Observer, the State Legislature will consist of: The Senate, populists 24, republicans 17, democrats 9; the House, republicans 49, democrats 35, populists 31, doubtful 2.

Kenilworth Inn, at Asheville, changed management Monday, says the Citizen, by the retirement of Henry Clair, who has been the lessee of the inn for the past six months, and the installation of the managerial desk of C. E. Lindsey, of the Bon Air, the resort house of Augusta, Ga.

THE FIRST ROUND Between the McKinley and Anti-McKinley Republicans Has Been Fought. THE MCKINLEYITES WIN.

But the Victory Not Substantial Enough to Crow Over—The 51st Congress Prompted to Be Truly—Some Dingley Bills Should Be Left Out of Official Reports That Are Intended to Be Made Public—The Situation in a Nutshell—McKinley and Hawaii—The Dingley Bill.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The first round between the McKinley and anti-McKinley republicans has been fought, and the McKinleyites have won, but the victory isn't substantial enough to crow over.

There is no more amusing feature of the situation than the talk of the populists about the democratic party having to come to them in the next national campaign. It would be a case of the tail wagging the dog sure enough for the party which cast more than five-sixths of the votes Bryan received being absorbed by the party which cast less than one-sixth of the votes.

There are some things in which this country might take a few profitable lessons from older nations, and one of them is in the wording of official reports which are intended to be made public. A case in point is the annual report of the board of ordinance and fortification.

Ex-Senator Walsh, of Georgia, now visiting Washington, retains the editorial faculty of stating the situation in a nutshell. He said: "It is to be sincerely hoped that prosperity will come to the country through the incoming administration. Every patriot hopes for that. The republicans will have the responsibility, and if their methods and policies are for the general good, to them will belong the credit."

A Lincoln, Neb., dispatch of the 17th says that William L. Bryan is preparing to publish a book about the first of next year, which will embody an exhaustive treatment of the silver question and bimetallism, emphasizing its importance as an issue in 1900.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS. Where the Preachers Go Next Year—Many Changes Are Made, While Some Remain Where They Were Last Year.

Charlotte District. J. R. Brooks, P. E. Charlotte, Tryon Street and North Graham Street, W. W. Bays and J. F. Butt.

Asheville District. D. Atkins, P. E. Asheville, Central church, C. W. Byrd. North Asheville, E. L. Bain. Haywood Street, M. A. Smith.

Franklin District. T. E. Wagg, P. E. Franklin station, D. F. Carver. Franklin circuit, J. H. Bradley. Macon circuit, R. B. Shelton.

Morganton District. J. W. Jones, P. E. Morganton station, W. H. Leith. Morganton circuit, W. V. Hunnicutt.

Mt. Airy District. H. M. Blair, P. E. Mt. Airy station, W. R. Barnett. Mt. Airy circuit, J. P. Rogers.

Shelby District. J. J. Rens, P. E. Shelby station, C. G. Little. Shelby circuit, T. T. Salyer.

Mountain Island station, R. L. Ownby. Lincolnton circuit, W. F. Womble. Lowesville circuit, D. M. Litaaker.

Winston District. F. H. Wood, P. E. Winston, Centenary, W. S. Creasy. Burkhead, G. W. Callahan, W. W. Albea, superan.

Transferred. W. D. Sasser to North Carolina Conference; J. H. Ball to Denver and stationed at Morrison Memorial; A. P. Tye to North Carolina; C. F. Evans to Kentucky and stationed at Lexington.

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH. The Pathetic Message Which Passed Between Engineer James and His Former Chief, V. E. McBee, Norfolk, Virginia, 26th.

Railroad officials are busy men, and as a rule, by nature of their calling, have little time for sentiment, should they have the inclination. It is said, however, that in the intercourse of those in authority with subordinates sometimes the strongest and most lasting attachments are formed.

Mr. McBee, general superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line. A hush came over the assembly of two or three gentlemen who were transacting business with Mr. McBee at the time, and during the quiet which ensued the eyes of the general superintendent became suspiciously red as well as those who were with him.

Mr. McBee immediately dictated the following as a last message to an old employee who had been faithful in the discharge of his duty when living, and in death though far distant, had not forgotten him.

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