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WASHINGTON NEWS.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., August 17.—Everybody who is at all interested in the political situation is talking about the strong and confident language used by President Polk of the National Farmers' Alliance in an interview here. He said: "Our campaign at present is not to elect a President or to secure the governorship of States. We are striking at the monopolists of the United States Senate. So far we have landed three—Hampton, Ingalls and Moody, and John Sherman will be the next; Matt Ransom of North Carolina will also be retired. We made two mistakes that will not be repeated. We allowed Vance to be returned to the Senate on his promises, and we elected Gordon to the Senate and he has already shown himself to be far more interested in his own personal success than in that of the Alliance. Hereafter we shall accept no promises from members of the old parties.

We already have Sherman defeated. The voting strength of the Alliance in Ohio is 40,000 but our members are doing missionary work among the farmers generally, and thousands of voters not connected with the Alliance will be rallied against Sherman. We are making no fight on McKinley; Governorships are not valuable to us at the present time, but it is probable that many Alliance votes will be cast for the People's ticket. What we are after is the balance of power in the legislatures which enact the laws and elect United States Senators. It is a mistaken idea to suppose that we are making a great fight in Iowa. We are not figuring much on results from that State, as our organization there is weak, and the most we expect to get out of the contest in Iowa is to determine what strength the movement is developing there. No scalps are expected.

As matters now stand in Pennsylvania I do not think the Alliance will attempt to dictate the successor of Senator Quay. The State is not sufficiently organized, but the work is progressing rapidly. You do not see much about it in the newspapers, but an average of about two local alliances a day are being organized in that State. By the time Senator Cameron's term expires we will probably be ready to supply his successor. In New York the situation is much the same. Nevertheless Senator Hiscock will be retired in 1893, though other causes will operate to that end besides the spread of the Alliance movement.

The report that Senator Gorman had captured the Maryland Alliance was an invention. I was present throughout the recent convention. If the Maryland Alliance is true to its principles two Alliance Senators will be elected in that State next winter, and Arthur P. Gorman will not be one them. He is too much of a straddler on the silver question to suit our principles, and is unacceptable in other ways. The two Alabama Senators must also be relieved from further service in the United States Senate; Mr. Morgan will come first, then Mr. Pugh. Congressman Oates, who has openly declared against the Alliance will head the procession of those who go out of public life from that State. This fall we expect to secure complete control of Virginia, and next fall there will be an Alliance National ticket in the field.

It is stated here and very generally believed that Mr. Harrison has made up his mind that he will not stand in the way of Mr. Blaine's being nominated for the Presidency next year if that gentleman's health be sufficiently restored and he is inclined to accept the nomination. This is in accordance with what a few of Mr. Blaine's friends here have all along intimated, that is, that a perfect understanding existed between Mr. Harrison and his Secretary of State, and that either of them was prepared to cordially support the one to whom circumstances should point as the most available candidate.

In other words that they had decided that one or the other of them should be the nominee. But it does not agree with the talk of some of Mr. Harrison's friends, including his son Russell, who have very foolishly been attempting to belittle Mr. Blaine, thus thinking to help Mr. Harrison.

More than a little surprise was created here by the announcement that but little more than a third of the 44 per cent bonds outstanding had been sent to the Treasury for extension at 2 per cent. There is but two weeks left in which applications for extension may be made, and it is now apparent that the private holders of these bonds will prefer to get them redeemed at maturity, and that only those held by National Banks will be extended. Secretary Foster is said to be worried about it, but it is probable that Mr. Harrison will not fret any over it as he was never in favor of the extension and only gave his consent because Secretary Foster was so persistent in his advocacy of the idea.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Brief Mentioning of the Doings in the Old World.

The International Geographical Congress will hold its next meeting in London.

The British Bank of Australia has failed with liabilities estimated at \$800,000.

The Argentine Senate has voted a bill creating the Bank of the Argentine Nation.

The wrought-iron and rail men in Worcester and Staffordshire, England, have struck against a reduction.

King Alexander of Servia and his father, ex-King Milan, are guests of President Carnot at Fontainebleau.

Bad crop prospects are reported in Burmah, owing to drought. Cotton is a complete failure in many districts.

Trouble is again looked for at Fourmies, France, on account of labor disputes and troops have been sent there.

The Government of the Congo State intends to abolish the license tax on the sale of alcohol after December next.

Thirty people were drowned on Monday by the overflowing of the River St. Marchas, near Port au Prince, Hayti.

William O'Brien has paid the cost in the Salisbury libel suit, and the decree declaring him bankrupt has been annulled.

There is much suffering among the workmen in the iron works of Cumberland, Eng., 6,000 of whom are now out of employment.

The Government of Portugal prohibits the importation of foreign wheat from September 1, until the native crop has been consumed.

Baron Hirsch is negotiating with the Turkish Government to rent land along the railway in Asia Minor for a Jewish colony. He offers £100,000 yearly for the land.

Thirteen people were killed, eighteen seriously and thirty others slightly injured in a railroad accident on the Jura Sempron railroad near Berne, Switzerland, last Sunday.

Miners in the district of South Wales, where are situated extensive collieries and iron and tin works have gone on a strike. It is estimated that 10,000 men have quit work.

Rain has fallen in the famine threatened districts of the Madras Presidency, in India, and the situation has improved very much. An enormous difference will result in the size of the crops.

Brazil is making special efforts to obtain farmers. Each farmer on settling there is supplied with a piece of land on seven years' time, given a house to live in and the free use of farming implements.

Two of the leaders of the massacre of British officials at Manipur, India, in March last, were executed by hanging on Thursday last. The principal victim was Senaputty, the commander-in-chief of the Manipuri army and a brother of the Rajah.

19TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE NORTH CAROLINA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Press Association, held at Winston-Salem last week, was more largely attended than usual, and the membership showed a gratifying increase, with considerable interest displayed in the convention proceedings.

The Convention was held at Brown's Opera House, and the first regular session opened Wednesday morning, shortly after ten o'clock, with President J. R. Caldwell, in the chair. The meeting was called to order, and after a few words of greeting, by the President, the Hon. J. C. Buxton, of Winston, was introduced, and delivered an address of welcome to the Association, also briefly reviewing the city's progress since the last Press Meeting held at Winston, ten years ago. Mr. H. A. London, in behalf of the Association, made the response to Col. Buxton's welcome, which was happily delivered and frequently applauded. The regular business of the convention followed. At the afternoon session President Caldwell's annual address was delivered, with routine business afterwards. At the close of the afternoon session, the city entertainment committee, took the members of the Press, on a long, but delightful drive in carriages throughout the city when the various industries, the improvements made, and in course of completion, were exhibited. The drive ended at Salem Female Academy, where Dr. J. H. Clewell, the Principal, made all welcome, and extended the courtesies of the Academy. After being shown through out the buildings of the school, a complimentary banquet, and musical entertainment of a high order was tendered the Association, at which the members of the Press and invited guests greatly enjoyed themselves. The arrangement of the banquet hall, in decoration and artistic display was exceptionally fine. After the repast and music, a letter of regret was read from Mr. E. W. Nye (Bill Nye) who regretted being unable to attend the Convention. Dr. Clewell, in a most graceful and complimentary speech, thanked the Press of North Carolina for its present influence in advancing the educational interests of the State, and for the helping hand always extended, and its assistance in the material prosperity of Old Salem Female Academy. After his speech, the exercises of the evening were turned over to the Association. President Caldwell, briefly thanked Dr. Clewell, in behalf of the Association; for the grand entertainment given to its members, and introduced Mr. E. E. Hilliard, the orator of the evening, who was followed by Mr. H. C. Wall, poet of the evening. Both oration and poem, were well received, and liberally applauded by all present. The second day's regular proceedings began Thursday morning at the Opera House, with some routine business. The officers for the ensuing year were elected, without any formal balloting, except the executive committee, the nominees being elected by a vive voce vote, when their names were presented. The officers elected were, President, J. A. Thomas, Lonsburg Times; First Vice President, E. E. Hilliard, Scotland Neck Democrat; Second Vice President, Jerome Dowd, Charlotte Times; Third Vice President, R. A. Deal, Wilkesboro Chronicle; Secretary and Treasurer, J. B. Sherrill, Concord Times. Executive Committee, S. A. Ashe, T. R. Manning, Josephus Daniels, H. A. Latham, H. A. London, W. W. Scott, of Lenoir Topic, Orator W. F. Marshall, of Gastonia Gazette, Poet, of the next annual convention. Delegates appointed to attend the next National Press Convention, J. P. Caldwell, Josephus Daniels, T. R. Manning, D. J. Whitchard, Alternates, E. E. Hilliard, James Cook, James Robinson, C. L. Stevens. The contest for the place of holding next convention was a spirited one, and

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WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PAST WEEK.

Thursday, August 13

George Jones, editor of the New York Times, died yesterday at Poland Springs, Maine.

Hon. James Russell Lowell, late Minister to Great Britain, died yesterday at his home in Cambridge, Mass.

Tobacco crops throughout the section in Pennsylvania visited by hail on Tuesday are greatly damaged. Other crops are also injured.

W. E. Schmertz, one of the oldest boot and shoe dealers in Pittsburg, Pa., has made an assignment. His liabilities are estimated to be about \$500,000.

The large wool and tallow warehouses of George Oberne and H. M. Hosick, in Chicago, Ill., were almost totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning. The loss will amount to about \$85,000.

A terrible accident happened yesterday afternoon at Cold Spring harbor, near New York. A large excursion party were returning on a barge when a heavy squall struck the boat. The upper deck gave way crushing many people underneath its weight. Fourteen people were taken out dead and about thirty others were injured.

Friday, August 14

Alexander Maybaum's big slaughter house at East Orange, N. J., was destroyed by fire yesterday. The value of cattle and other property was about \$62,000.

The satine works of E. W. Chapin at Northborough, Mass., have been closed, throwing 200 men out of employment. An assignment was made yesterday to Samuel Wood. The liabilities will amount to \$125,000.

A rich strike was made yesterday at the Bohn shaft, Leadville, Col. The diamond drills were sent down 312 feet and struck a vein of extremely high grade silver ore, which assays from 200 to 300 ounces of silver to the ton.

Thousands of acres of fine wheat have been destroyed near Melrose, Minn., by a terrific hailstorm which passed over that place on Wednesday last. Corn and potatoes were also badly damaged, some of the farmers losing all their crops.

Kokak, Iowa, was visited by a terrible wind and rain storm yesterday afternoon. Half the shade trees of the town were blown down and small buildings moved from their foundations. There was a general panic throughout the city.

Saturday, August 15

Mrs. James K. Polk, widow of the tenth President of the United States, died at her home in Nashville, Tenn., at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. Polk was 88 years old.

The works of the H. C. Hart Manufacturing Company at Detroit, Mich., were entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday night. The loss is estimated at \$120,000 and the insurance, \$75,000.

Dr. W. C. McCoy, presiding elder of the Decatur district, Ala., and one of the most distinguished ministers of the Methodist Church in Alabama, died at his home in Decatur, Ala., yesterday. He was editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate for many years.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: Crop prospects grow brighter every day, and with the assurance that the country will not only have enormous supplies of grain but a market for it at good prices, business is improving. Trade is improving all over the country except in the South. The prospects of another large cotton crop threaten very low prices. Failures for the week 227, against 231 the previous week.

Sunday, August 16

A. G. Elliott & Co's five story paper warehouse in Philadelphia was burned to the ground at an early hour yesterday morning. No estimate of the loss can be given at this writing.

New York banks now hold \$17,617,175 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

The U. S. steamer Charleston sailed today from San Francisco for China, where she will be the flagship of the Asiatic squadron.

The excitement in the Chicago grain market on Friday and Saturday was intense, wheat, rye, oats and other cereals reaching very high figures.

It is reported that Norfolk, Va., was visited last night by one of the most destructive fires she has experienced in years, many warehouses and other places of business being consumed. The loss will be, it is said, in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

Monday, August 17

Arthur Ackerman has been arrested at Orange, N. J., for trying to buy a box of cigars with Confederate money.

Gen. J. B. Gordon, Commander in Chief of all the Confederate Camps in the United States, has endorsed the proposed reunion of the survivors of the Northern and Southern armies at the World's Fair in Chicago, in a letter to Col. E. T. Lee, Monticello, Ill.

Mrs. Harkins of 1904 North Second street, Philadelphia, has received a cablegram purporting to be from the Governor of Portland Prison, Eng., stating that her husband, who was sentenced in 1887, to 15 years penal servitude, for complicity in a dynamite conspiracy, has been released and is now on his way home.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 Catholics, principally from Troy and Albany, made a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, at Auriesville, N. Y., yesterday. Forty cars were used for their transportation. It is estimated that more than 25,000 persons have already visited the shrine since its erection, four years ago.

Tuesday, August 18

W. O. Thomas, of Tennessee, a newspaper man, was yesterday appointed by President Harrison to be consul to Bahia, Brazil.

December wheat went up to \$1.15 at Chicago yesterday amid tremendous excitement. It afterwards sold down as low as \$1.03.

Yellow fever has made its appearance at Vera Cruz, Mexico and is prevalent to an alarming extent. The people are dying by scores.

Alfred Goldthwaite, a prominent lawyer of New Orleans, and well known as counsel in the celebrated Gaines case, has been stricken with paralysis while at Point Clear, on Mobile Bay. His condition is serious.

Three of the Philadelphia bank wreckers, Charles Lawrence, cashier of the Keystone National Bank, and Francis W. Kennedy and Henry H. Kennedy, of the Spring Garden National Bank have pleaded guilty of misapplication of the funds of their banks.

Wednesday, August 19

Putnam & Co's mattress factory at Boston, Mass., was burned yesterday. Loss \$200,000.

Sam Jones has been engaged by the Prohibition Party at Staunton, Va., to fight for local option.

The Damon Iron and Safe Works at Cambridge, Mass., were destroyed by fire yesterday, loss to the Company and others about \$300,000.

Fifty-five buildings valued at about \$500,000 were destroyed by fire last night at Jacksonville, Fla. The amount of insurance is unknown at this writing but is very light.

Cashier Lawrence of the Keystone Bank, Philadelphia, has been sentenced to serve seven years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of one hundred dollars and costs. In the case of the two Kennedy brothers the judge suspended sentence till Sept. 8th as it was shown that in the meantime they could be of great assistance to the receiver.

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THE STATE CAPITAL.

LEADING TOPICS OF THE WEEK AT RALEIGH.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 17.—Major James W. Wilson, the head of the railway commission, talks very forcibly of some of the things which the commission has done. It has effected a saving to the people of the State, of \$500,000. That is quite a good record for a new commission. The new valuation of the railway property of the State is raised by the commission to \$18,444,048.28. The additional tax is \$13,000 yearly. The saving in railway rates is estimated at \$25,000 per annum. Maj. Wilson is now applying himself to the task of regulating the express charges. It appears to be very difficult to secure needed information regarding the rates &c., but it may be deemed a certainty that Maj. Wilson will get the bottom facts.

It is rather remarkable that there should be far fewer fires some years than there, the State over, but it is a fact. This is one of the lucky years, so far, and the insurance companies profit accordingly. Usually, the losses here have been heavy, though not as heavy as in South Carolina.

Few of what are known as the big public men visit North Carolina. No president has been here, for instance, since 1867, when Andrew Johnson was here at the dedication of the monument to his father, Jacob Johnson. Harrison is asked to be here, at the Southern Exposition, and now the people want David B. Hill to come. It is really quite remarkable to know how the number of Hill men increases in this State. Really Cleveland has lost a great deal of his popularity. His loss in this respect began last March, when he antagonized the Alliance.

The tobacco crop is late, much later than usual. In quantity it is a good crop in this particular section, in quality below the average. The leaves are thin, light and chaffy. The tobacco area is all the while extending eastward.

At the Agricultural and Mechanical College, the two new dormitories are now going up quite rapidly. The machinery for the mechanical building is arriving. It cost \$5,500. The buildings will all be steam heated, and electric lights are in the near future. The equipment will really be complete and worthy of the State. Heretofore the college has been handicapped by reason of the deficiency of appliances. Now the applications for admission thus far received, show that in September the college will open with 100 students.

The State Real Estate Convention is called to meet here on Thursday. It will carry out some of the projects planned at the first meeting last May. The State needs the co-operative work of such an association.

A negro orator who spoke here a few nights past, opened up a new line of thought. He demands that the ex-slaves be pensioned and that the soldiers should not get the money. What will the republican brethren think of this?

Day by day more and more interest is taken in the Southern Exposition. The buildings are now completed, and show a total length of 1,240 feet, or very nearly a fourth of a mile. A million feet of lumber have been used in the extension of the great structure.

Every State in the South will be represented. Some have small spaces, but will have compact exhibits. North Carolina will have a very complete exhibit and a very large one. It will be of two kinds; the one by the agricultural department, and that by the counties. Florida is easily second in extent and variety. Kentucky does well, as does also far-away Texas. Georgia and South Carolina have considerable space. Thirty counties in North Carolina will have special exhibits. Perhaps some others will yet come in. The machinery exhibit will far excel anything yet seen in the State filling a space 300 x 500 feet.