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Champ Clark Invades the Domain of Gen. Grosvenor

Statistics on Political Results and Conjectures on Future Elections with Some Amusing Passages

Washington, Jan. 13.—This was a field day in the House, Messrs. Grosvenor and Champ Clark occupying the center of the stage the greater part of the session, the army appropriation bill dominantly being under consideration. They discussed, with amendment to the House, political chances in 1904, the latter asserting that the Democrats would enter the campaign with equal chances of success with the Republicans, and the former telling his political opponents that they had no prospect of success whatever. Clark defended the congressional gerrymander of Missouri on the ground that the Republicans practiced it and Democrats were compelled to retaliate in self defense; that it was following a "devilish bad example," Clark charged that the Sherman anti-trust law was introduced by its author not because of his antagonism to corporations, but because he wanted to get even with General Alger for buying away his southern delegates at the Chicago convention in 1888, believing that Alger was a stockholder in the match trust.

Mr. Swanson of Virginia, made a speech against the Dingley tariff law, and charged that the reciprocity section was inserted by the Republicans because of general indignation against the high rates in the bill. This was denied by Mr. Payne, who was a conference with Mr. Dingley over the Senate amendments to the measure. He said that the House conference accepted only at the end of controversy over the insertion on the assurance by the Senate conference that they understood and would apply only to non-competitive products, and that they did not believe Republican administration would negotiate a treaty providing for reduction of 20 per cent or of 10 per cent on any United States product leading protection.

One speech bearing some relation to the bill before the committee of the whole, although not directed toward it, was that of Mr. Hull, chairman of the committee on military affairs. He defended the transport service on the score of efficiency and economy.

A small deficiency appropriation bill was passed to provide coal for the District of Columbia, the extra cost being \$500,000.

The bill to give Alaska a delegate in Congress was passed, the confining order of business in the House until dispositive of beginning tomorrow.

The military appropriation bill was taken in committee of the whole under an order limiting general debate to five hours. Proceedings in committee were interrupted to permit Mr. Payne to report the bill providing a debate of the duty on coal for one year, who has notified that he would endeavor to secure consideration of it as early as possible tomorrow.

Mr. Hepburn of Iowa, taunted the Democrats for their failure to object to the provision appropriating \$500,000 to erect shelters for the soldiers in the Philippines as they did at the last session. The minority, he said, had learned something in the past year.

Mr. Nicholson of Tennessee, replied that it was Mr. Hull of Iowa, who had

High School Located

Ellenboro, N. C., Jan. 13.—The Sandy Run Association at its last meeting decided to establish a high school in the bounds of the association. The trustees met at Ellenboro last Saturday to hear propositions from the different churches. Ellenboro proposed to give fifteen acres of land and two thousand dollars. Mooresboro proposed to give twelve acres of land and two thousand seven hundred dollars. The trustees decided to locate at Mooresboro.

CUMBERLAND COURT

The Trial of Utley to Begin Tomorrow

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 13.—Special Superior court of Cumberland county, for criminal docket only, convened yesterday. Judge Cook on the bench. The important matter of the day's session was the summoning of a special venire of 20 men in the trial of Edward L. Utley for the killing of T. B. Hollingsworth, night clerk of the Hotel Lafayette, the case being set for Thursday morning. There will be an imposing array of legal talent in this important trial. Hon. G. M. Rose, Hon. J. G. Shaw, Col. J. W. Hinsdale, C. W. Broadfoot, Messrs. H. McD. Robinson and A. S. Hall for the defense. Solicitor Lyon and Messrs. N. A. Sinclair and H. L. Cook for the state. It is said that strong evidence can be adduced both here and from Florida to sustain the plea of insanity. Utley went to the latter state a year or two ago to take employment.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

The Legislature of 1852 Tried to Elect a Senator and Failed

M. Editor: You were kind enough a few days ago to publish an article of mine, giving in detail the ballots of the Legislature of 1852 resulting in the election of Mr. Badger to the United States Senate. It may be of interest to the contending forces for Mr. Pritchard's seat to know what they did, and did not do, in the Legislature of 1852. The Legislature met on the 4th of October and promptly elected Weldon N. Edwards to preside in the Senate and John Baxter in the House. The balloting for United States Senator commenced on the 20th of November. There were twenty-one voted for in the House and eleven in the Senate. James C. Dobbin received 72 votes, R. M. Saunders, 12; J. P. Shepard, 15; H. W. Miller, 8; Kenneth

SEABOARD DIVISIONS

New Arrangement Greatly Facilitating Its Business

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 11.—M. J. M. Barr and General Superintendent E. K. Huger of the Seaboard Air Line passed through here yesterday enroute to Jacksonville, Fla., where the newly appointed division superintendent, Hudson, takes charge of the newly formed fourth division of the road which comprises the main line from Columbus to Jacksonville, and the east and west line from Baldwin to Chattahoochee river. The re-divisioning gives birth to a new state of affairs wherein Mr. Hale who had charge of the main line from Columbia to Jacksonville and also the Georgia and Alabama and branches has become the fifth instead of the fourth division. Capt. D. E. Maxwell who was superintendent of the old fourth division, relinquishing control of the River Junction division, which goes to make the newly formed fourth and continuing his superintendency over all south Florida, which is the new sixth division. Mr. Hudson took charge this past week. His chief clerk is Mr. E. H. Harrison, who for a long time has been assistant chief clerk to Mr. Hale of the fourth division. His new residence at Jacksonville, Fla., the future headquarters of Superintendent Hudson. This new change of divisions

Eyes of the Solons on Penitentiary Buildings

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The Friends of All Are Standing Firm

Seventh Ballot in the Senatorial Contest Reveals No Change in the Situation—Caucus Meets Again This Afternoon

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Senator Spence of Moore, moved that the caucus adjourn until 8 o'clock Thursday night the motion was lost and the caucus proceeded with the first ballot of the caucus—the twelfth in the contest which resulted:

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PILOTAGE ON THE CAPE FEAR

Wilmington Commercial Interests Concerned About Excessive Rates

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 13.—Sp. col. Wilmington commercial interests are making a heated war against the bill to an effort to have corrected what they consider excessive rates that are detrimental to the city's best interests. The question is uppermost in the community and the outcome of the fight is looked to with interest. At a meeting of the chamber of commerce this afternoon the question was fully discussed, strong arguments being put forth for and against the existing pilotage system. At length the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the pilotage laws of North Carolina, in so far as they relate to the Cape Fear river and bar, have been and are operating to the detriment of the commercial welfare and progress of the city of Wilmington and the State of North Carolina.

"Second, that the president of the chamber of commerce appoint a committee to confer with the commissioners of navigation and then go before the General Assembly and pray for such legislation as will relieve our excessive traffic of the excessive port charges it now has to bear.

"Third, That the said committee be authorized to employ such legal

LARGER DEPOT

The Southern's Plans for Improvement at Durham

Durham, N. C., Jan. 13.—Special.—The Southern Railway has decided to improve the present depot accommodations at Durham, Wash. D. C., engineer of bridges and buildings, from Washington, with an assistant, was here this afternoon making measurements. From Mr. Lum it was learned that the Southern will enlarge the present depot by making it longer and building a shelter in front of it. The improvements to the depot will cost some thirty-five hundred dollars. The addition to the present building will make it sixty feet longer, but not wider.

From this action it is supposed that nothing will be done by the Southern in regard to the proposition made by the Aldermen and chamber of commerce last night. A little over two weeks ago Col. Andrews said positively that he would not make any improvements, and two days after the chamber of commerce and the proposition to give a quit claim deed to a portion of the street was made. Since then this new move has been made. The matter is not generally known yet, but when it is known there will be much dissatisfaction, judging from the expressions of those asked about it late this afternoon.

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