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THE WEATHER TODAY:

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1903.

IT IS SENATOR OVERMAN

The deadlock was broken last night, and on the 61st ballot, Hon. Lee S. Overman of Rowan reached the goal, receiving exactly the number necessary to determine the result.

It has been a remarkable contest throughout, but in one respect peculiarly so, and that is the very high plane upon which it has been conducted by aspirants and their friends. The State and party are surely deserving of congratulations because of this.

Mr. Overman is known and esteemed throughout the State as an incorruptible, high-toned, christian man, a sterling but conservative Democrat, loyal alike to his friends, his party, his State and his God.

He will fill worthily the position to which the partiality of his party friends have elected him. He will contend at all times for the right, and support those measures which his conscience will tell him are best for his people. He has so served his people in positions within the State as to increase with his years their confidence and esteem. In the higher field he will sturdily strengthen this confidence.

Like his colleague Mr. Overman will be one of the youngest men in the Senate, but with a mind already trained to earnest application and a courage that never fails to meet any emergency, he will easily fall into the line of duty which devolves upon a member of the highest legislative body in the world.

Lee S. Overman will be every inch a Senator.

One other feature in connection with the contest which is peculiarly honorable to the unsuccessful contestants as well as to Mr. Overman, and that is the general feeling of the public of satisfaction with whoever should receive the honor. Not within our knowledge can we recall a like condition. Had the caucus chosen either Mr. Watson or Mr. Craig, the public would have felt that one worthy to represent this great State and all her people had been chosen, and would have extended the same sincere greetings that will be universally given to Mr. Overman.

Messrs. Watson and Craig are disappointed, and for this the people generally will sympathize with them. They have made a heroic, but above all an honorable fight, and gain friends in their defeat.

Their stars have not gone down permanently.

THE NEED OF IT

Among the many valuable things said by Gov. Aycock in his recent message to the General Assembly there is none more important than the following:

"It is impossible to meet the floating debt of the State together with current expenses and the absolutely necessary permanent improvements out of our current revenues. It is, therefore, apparent to me that it is necessary to issue bonds with which to pay off the present indebtedness, and if thought wise to complete the improvements which have already been begun and those which are found by your honorable body to be absolutely necessary in the immediate future. I recommend that authority be given the governor and Council of State to issue non-taxable bonds in an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000), the bonds to run fifty years, to bear a rate of interest to be named in the act, to be sold for not less than par. I believ that a three per cent band can be sold at par. The credit of the State is and ought to be excellent. Her present condition is that of unexampled prosperity. The value of her property is increasing annually at a great rate, her debt is small compared with the debts of other States and she meets without question and on time every authorized and honest obligation. If the property of the State now held as investments was sold at the present market value it would bring almost enough to pay our entire bonded indebtedness. I have been all my life much opposed to issuing bonds, but to do so now is not an unmixed evil. It is probably better to care for the necessary permanent improvements in our present condition by a bond issue, than to burden our reviving industrial and agricultural interests with high taxation with which to supply the needs of the great works which the people have projected. If we can accomplish the education of all our children, care for the afflicted, build good roads, develop our industries and increase our agricultural productions as we are now doing we will in a short time have a State rich enough to meet every obligation without excessive taxation on anybody."

We republish this extract for the purpose of emphasizing the necessity of adopting the recommendation of the Governor to meet not only the deficit but certain demands for public improvements and additions to public institutions. The immediate instance of this need is embodied in the supplemental report submitted yesterday by Dr. F. P. Venable, president of the University to the Trustees of that institution in annual meeting.

We ask a careful reading of this report elsewhere in this paper, not only by legislators but the public. All will see the absolute need of about or at least $55,000 to add a building and supply apparatus to meet the present and pressing demands of the youth of our State upon the University. The chemical, medical and pharmaceutical departments, and some others mentioned by Dr. Venable, are over-crowded now with students without the room and improved apparatus to supply their needs. This is one of several "permanent improvement" objects for which bonds should be issued, as contemplated by the recommendation of the Governor. These improvements and additions cannot be met by current taxes. While there will be revenue enough to maintain the government at the present rate there will not be enough to meet the demands of the institutions for permanent additions, and the deficit. We cannot think the legislature will hesitate in this matter.

THE NEGRO NORTH AND SOUTH

The following communication appeared in a recent issue of the Philadelphia Bulletin. It carries its own comment:

To the Editor of the Bulletin—Sir: I am a colored man, a mechanic by trade. There is nothing in the line of a house in wood that I cannot make. I can build all the stairs, windows, make the sashes, blinds and doors. I can build a house from the ground up and turn the keys over to the owner completed. I can draw the plans, make the blue prints, make the specifications and give estimates. Yet I am debarred from employment on account of my color. The prejudice in this city is strong against me; much stronger than in the place I came from. No one wants me because I am a colored man. Why is this? I am thirty-seven years old. I drew the plans of the colored church in Tasker street, above Twentieth. My name is in the corner-stone. I built the state colored college at Orangeburg, S. C., and I have built cottages in Orangeburg and for the mayor of Beaufort, S. C., but still I am debarred from employment in Philadelphia.

SAMUEL H. BYTHEWOOD.

Referring to a bill introduced by the able Senator from Buncombe, Mr. Webb, the Richmond Times-Dispatch says:

"A bill has been offered in the North Carolina State Senate by Senator Webb to give to judges the power to limit the speeches of counsel when addressing either the court or a jury. This is an innovation, and, strange to say, the lawyers are in the main in favor of it. It is needless to say that the people who are liable to jury duty are also very much in favor of it, and it is very likely that the bill will pass and become the law of North Carolina."

We do not know how far legislative restriction of this character can go, but we recollect that the Supreme court, Chief Justice Person, writing the opinion, granted a new trial in a case because the lower court restricted the argument of counsel. Unquestionably the court, jury and public are painfully bored at times, but, if we recall the reasoning of the court it contended in substance that so long as the lawyer talks the greater the liability of his saying something which would aid the jury in reaching a correct vonclusion. This may be a fundamental right which, involving life, liberty or property, cannot, like some other things, be "regulated by law." We shall watch the career of the resolution of our friend, the Senator from Buncombe, with interest, and no little hopefulness.

Senator Pollock of Lenoir county has introduced a resolution in the Senate to appropriate $1,000 "to repair the damage done to the Caswell monument by the disastrous fire that occurred in Kinston in 1895." The resolution ought to pass. Referring to the matter the Free Press well says:

"The erection of Caswell's monument in this city in 1881 was a worthy tribute to one of the grandest and noblest men, of the many grand and noble men of this good old commonwealth, and found its inception in the patriotic impulses that always govern the acts of the good people of this section, and which act has been wisely emulated by other towns and cities of the State in honoring the dead heroes of North Carolina.

Richard Caswell was a North Carolinian, grand and true, and his memory belongs to the State, and it would be a fitting act for the General Assembly to grant the appropriation that the monument erected to his memory in this city be restored and preserved for future generations to have as a goodly heritage from people in whose hearts his memory is ever kept green."

This is well said by the Wilkesboro Chronicle:

"The senatorial contest at Raleigh has shown how decent, high-toned, free from bitterness or vituperation, intelligent, manly, christian gentlemen can vie with each other for positions of honor and trust. No breath of bitterness or unfriendly feeling, no whisper of slander, it has been a contest of giant intellects for the mastery, backed by christian character and manly regard for each other."

It has been a clean-cut, decent, honest contest so far as the candidates and the legislators are concerned from the start to the present. Any statement of undue influence or sinister support of any candidate is grossly false, and can only injure the gentleman in whose interest such should appear to be made. This contest is absolutely free from anything or any support that is unclean or unbecoming, or that would be offensive to any honest man. Any one who suggests to the contrary would simply advertise his own moral depravity.

Desiring to go into another business our friend, Mr. Thad Manning offers for sale his excellent newspaper and plant, the Henderson Gold Leaf. Mr. Manning says:

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Good reasons for wishing to make a change after more than twenty-one years continuous service in the newspaper business."

The retirement of Bro. Manning from the State press is a public misfortune. During his 20 years service he has merited as he enjoys the confidence of a community and public he has served conscientiously and well. The property is certainly valuable and if the right man gets it will find it profitable. It is located among as good people as this or any other State can boast.

It was a most agreeable visit we had yesterday from Mr. Ambrose MacNeil, "The Scottish Orator," who visits this section partly to see the State in which so many of his countrymen found congenial homes and became and still are, "rulers among the people," and partly to deliver an address on subjects which appeal strongly to the sympathies and sentiment of our people. He brings with him among testimonials, one from that chevalier among gentlemen, Gen. Cullen Bryan, well known and largely connected in this State now resident of Petersburg, who heard Mr. MacNeil in that city.

If suitable arrangements can be made Mr. MacNeil will deliver his lecture in this city, and we are sure will please our people, specially our old soldiers and their descendants of the South.

The only State in the North which elected a Democratic governor and legislature last November is the little borough of Nevada. Congressman Newlands, Democrat, has therefore just been elected to the Senate to succeed Mr. Jones who with Mr. Stewart, after helping to muss up the Democratic party with the free silver soup-ladle returned to their first love, the Republican party. Of Mr. Newland's constituency the Washington Times says:

"With the diminishing population of Nevada the fifty-one members of the legislature comprises a large percentage of the people whom he will represent."

But he is a Democrat, anyhow, bless his dear old soul.

The negro Hayes, John Wise's law partner in collecting money from the darkies on the promise of prosecuting a suit to repeal the Virginia constitution, said something about torches and swords at his Washington meeting the other evening. Can "Mr." Hayes persuade himself to be a sword-bearer when the procession starts south? Or rather will he do like the other disturbers who advise strife and when it begins rush for the north as fast as their legs will take them.

The New Bern Journal, after mature reflection, has come to the conclusion that "four years are enough of Roosevelt." If the Journal will consult with leading Republicans throughout the country it will find an earnest desire to compromise on much less than four years, provided Mr. Roosevelt could be persuaded to see the point.

A Raging Roaring Flood

Washed down a telegraph line which Chas. C. Ellis, of Lisbon, Ia., had to repair. "Standing waist deep in icy water," he writes, "gave me a terrible cold and cough. It grew worse daily. Finally the best doctors in Oakland, Neb., Sioux City and Omaha said I had Consumption and could not live. Then I began using Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles." Positively guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and all Throat and Lung troubles, by all druggists. Price 50c.

The Moonfish

(London Globe.)

Of the moonfish it may be said that, though when landed and prosaically cooked it is a solid and dainty one, yet when seen in the water it is aesthetic, indeed, in its aspect. Its shape is not unlike the moon, "pound as my shield" of Norval's once popular declaration, while the hue is of that pale silvery sheen which so many poets have sung—none better than the terse and satirical Samuel Butler when, for a few lines, he really mounts Pegasus. Indeed, both in shape and transparent silveriness, weird in aspect, the moonfish is most like its name, and certainly curious enough to astonish any unaccustomed fisherman who, if angling at night, might feel that the weirdness surpassed the picturesqueness. Then there is a curious denizen, indeed, of the same waters in the yellow angelfish, which, by the way, has a more elegant name than is the custom with Florida folklore. This is a gleaming creature of vivid iridescent blue and yellow, flat in build, with the sides ending in slender shafts which remind one of a swallow's wings. On the head is a circlet or ring of color. Yet fish of a more peculiar frome would not be easy to find.

Indeed, the shape of most of the tropical fish is as much a reason for terming them curious to our Northern eyes as have compared the moonfish to a transparent sheen of tortoise shell. By way of contrast to this exquisite picture there may be mentioned another Florida fish which is the precise antithesis, being huge in size and grim of aspect—the sawfish, which is of elongated frame, emphatic fins and tail, and with a long, serrated, bony projection from the jaw, which is edged on both sides in the fashion of a saw—a sort of nightmare of a fish. The "record" sawfish, we believe, is one which was caught by a famous Florida fisherman, and weighed 600 pounds. This sort of angling, like that for tarpon and others, does not stir much enthusiasm in the average angler, who prefers his prizes little and good, but would seem more to befit the sportsmen of Brobdingnag.

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I'm Ahead for Sure

(Ral. Cor. Salisbury Sun.)

Slates are being made at a rate that would be astonishing to one on the outside. Already the gubernatorial fight, yet a year and a half off, is on in full blast, and the contest promises to be a memorable one. Two avowed candidates are Lieutenant Governor W. D. Turner, of Iredell, and Col. John S. Cunningham, of Person. Gen. Theo. F. Davidson, of Buncombe, is being boomed by friends from both the east and west while it is announced that Gen. Julian S. Carr will be a receptive candidate, although General Carr himself says that he has no such aspirations. The name of Col. R. B. Glenn, of Winston, is also heard mentioned in this connection. Others are mentioned as probable candidates and a prominent Raleigh citizen offered last week to wager that there would be as many as eight candidates in the field when the convention met. There is, too, a battle of giants ahead in at least three of the congressional districts of the State. It is certain that Congressman W. W. Kitchen, one of the most useful men that ever represented North Carolina in the halls of Congress, will have opposition and from the present outlook there will be no less than three candidates against him.

Sectional Differences in Tobacco

(Southern Tobacco Journal.)

Certainly it is a fact that the weed grown in the piedmont country makes the best chewing tobacco in the world. This is now an established fact, and the weed grown in Stokes, Surry, Rockingham, Henry, Patrick, Guilford, Forsyth, Alamance and other counties in the two States, sustain the same relation to plug that the tobaccos grown in Cuba does to cigars, and that the bright grades in eastern North and South Carolina does to cigarettes and smoking. Tobacco is a peculiar plant. Cuban seed planted in this country will not make cigar tobacco. New England tobacco is unlike all other products of the weed. White burley is peculiar to the west, and is only good for the manufacture of navies.

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