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## IS B. & O. BEHIND NORFOLK SOUTHERN?

REPORT IS CREDITED BY WELL-INFORMED PEOPLE.

Official of the Baltimore & Ohio to Succeed Lamb as President.—The B. & O. is a Great Trunk Line, and the Coming Into This State Would Be Hailed With Delight.

A dispatch from Raleigh is yesterday's Richmond Times-Discuss will be of great interest throughout this section and the entire State. It is as follows:

Raleigh, N. C., July 30.—The report, credited by the best informed railroad men here, that A. W. Thompson, now third vice-president, in charge of the operating department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, is to succeed E. T. Lamb as president of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, brings a strong impression that the Baltimore and Ohio is coming into North Carolina, through control of the Norfolk Southern system, and that it is Baltimore and Ohio interests that are pushing the construction of the Raleigh-Charlotte and Southern, now under way as a division of the Norfolk Southern. If this is the case, as numbers of observant business men believe it is, it means renewed and vast development for Eastern, Central and Western Carolina, through greatly multiplied freight and passenger facilities, and establishment of competitive conditions. The Baltimore and Ohio has trunk lines from Chicago to Baltimore and St. Louis to Baltimore, and a net work of lesser lines, through a Bay line of steamers which come down to Norfolk, connecting there with the Norfolk and Southern system, which has a network of valuable lines throughout Eastern Carolina, extending westward to Raleigh and now building rapidly toward Charlotte. The invasion of the Baltimore and Ohio interests will be hailed with delight here.

## SENATOR SIMMONS TO FIGHT LIBELERS.

Employees Counsel to Prosecute "Corn Cracker" in the Shelby Highlander.

Washington, July 31.—Senator Simmons' attention was called late yesterday evening to an article in the Highlander, of Shelby, of July 17, an independent paper with a republican editor strongly supporting Governor Kitchin for the senate, signed "Corn Cracker" containing the following statement: "How long has Simmons been feasting at the public crib? How about the \$100,000 he has been paid for voting 19 votes wrong, according to the tenets and traditions of democracy out of a possible 43?"

Immediately upon reading this charge Senator Simmons sent the following telegram to Ryburn and Hoyt attorneys at law of Shelby: "Have just this minute read infamous slander in the Highlander, July 17, signed 'Corn Cracker.' I wish to employ you two at once to institute criminal and civil proceedings against both the writer and the publisher of this slanderous charge."

The 19 votes to which "Corn Cracker" refers in his charge of bribery against Senator Simmons are the 19 votes given by him, one against reciprocity, 16 in favor of amendments to the reciprocity bill and two in favor of motions made by Senator Overman with reference to taking up the cotton bill. These amendments to the reciprocity bill for which Senator Simmons voted were in part amendments to put the products of the trusts such as cotton bagging and ties, wire fencing and agricultural implements on the free list; in part, votes cast by him in favor of an amendment to add to the reciprocity bill the farmers' implements and machines, boots, shoes, leather, harness, and lumber on the free list, and in part votes cast by him in favor of amendments to the reciprocity bill reducing duties on 33 enumerated articles of household and farm supplies which the farmer does not produce but buys. They were votes against the trusts and protected manufacturer and in favor of the consumer. They are the 19 votes Governor Kitchin refers to in his speeches without telling what they were about.

Speaking of this outrageous charge Senator Simmons said today that it was in line with the numerous utterly unfounded innuendoes, insinuations, falsehoods, suppressions and misrepresentation of fact which characterized the campaign being made against him and illustrated a reckless disregard for truth and the willingness without a shadow of justification, to do what was necessary to arouse prejudice even to the point of deliberate assassination of character. He said that so far as the authors of this manufactured charge, for course it had not a scintilla of foundation, are concerned, he should prosecute them to the utmost limit of the law.

Workmen have about completed the repairs that have been underway on the Smith office building, which will be occupied as Democratic headquarters this year. Chairman Cook will open "shop" Monday morning.

## THE SWITZERLAND OF AMERICA.

Breezes From the Beautiful Blowing Rock Country Where Concord People Go.

(By Old Hurrygraph.

Green Park Hotel, Green Park, N. C., August 1.—In this wonderful Blowing Rock country, where the earth and the sky meet in the most gorgeous colorings of a master hand that man cannot approach in all of its artistic tones—new beauties are revealed with the rising and setting of the sun each day. This is a realm of delight to the lover of nature; a continual sermon on the works of the Creator; a chalice of health to the weak and feeble, and a resort from the cares and worries of business affairs. The majestic mountains calm you into a restful state of mind, and inspire you with admiration and prides to a God that has made such a beautiful world and placed so much of its grandeur in western North Carolina, and especially in this Blowing Rock section, where cool breezes give you a temperature equal to that of fall in the low country, where the pure air and crystal water invigorate you with new life and inspirations. Wonder and beauty is revealed from every mountain top.

**Notes of Interest to Concordians.**  
Mrs. J. M. Odell, of Concord, has arrived here and is now occupying her handsome new cottage, which commands one of the most beautiful views in the Green Park neighborhood. She has as her guests Mr. and Mrs. Fred Odell, of Concord, who came up the mountain yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Odell, and Miss Anna Branson, of Concord, are staying at the Green Park Hotel. Miss Branson is a most charming addition to the bouquet of feminine beauties that make life "one sweet song" at the Green Park in its social features.

The Boy Scouts of Concord tramped in Tuesday, all in good shape, and they were cordially welcomed by the Blowing Rock breezes, having come from a warmer temperature below the mountains. They expressed surprise at such a cool and refreshing atmosphere, and proceeded at once to camp near the famous blowing rock. They are in command of Capt. F. H. Sides, and in party are G. N. Thomas, J. C. Query, J. W. Overton, Jess White, Stafforl Query, Walter Query, Clarence Mims, and Clarence Howard. They will stay here several days.

Among the guests that are now filling the Green Park Hotel are Mr. E. L. Gaither and his two charming daughters, Misses Sarah Hall and Dorothy S. Gaither, of Mocksville. They are enjoying the unexcelled scenery and their stay here to the fullest extent.

## WANTS FEDERAL JUDGE IMPEACHED.

Former Mayor of Macon Prefers Serious Charges Against Judge Emory Speer.

Macon, Ga., Aug. 1.—Signatures are being obtained today to a petition demanding that congress take up the charges in which Col. W. A. Huff, mayor for ten years, demands the impeachment of Judge Emory Speer, of the United States District Court. The petition states that Col. Huff's character is unimpeachable. The charges are serious and reflect upon the moral and professional conduct of the jurist. Judge Speer announced that another federal judge will pass on the contempt proceedings he has brought against the former mayor, who is out on bail and who refuses to withdraw or modify a single allegation made against the federal jurist.

**Conference of Western Governors**  
Boise, Idaho, Aug. 1.—The governors of many of the Western States are assembled here for the first annual meeting of the Association of Western Governors, which is the outgrowth of the eastern tour taken by the governors last year. It is expected that by tomorrow practically all of the States embraced in the association will be represented.

The conference is to continue three days and will be devoted to the discussion of a wide range of subjects pertaining to the welfare and development of the West. The schedule speakers and the subjects assigned them include the following: Governor Burke of North Dakota, "The Best Methods of Proclaiming a State's Resources"; Governor West of Oregon, "The Employment and Reformation of Convicts"; Governor Aldrich of Nebraska, "Taxation"; Governor Hay of Washington, "State Supervision of Investments"; Governor Shafroth of Colorado, "Conservation of Water Power"; Governor of Hawley of Idaho, "The Good Roads Factor in Western Development"; Governor Carey of Wyoming, "The Reckoning of Arid Land"; and Governor Vessey of South Dakota, "Western Investments and Securities."

**Third Party in Tennessee.**

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 1.—The Roosevelt supporters in Tennessee are arranging to hold a State convention of the Progressive party in this city tomorrow. It is expected that the convention will name candidates for governor and railroad commissioner, in addition to selecting delegates to the national convention at Chicago.

Man a man is friendless because he's too popular with himself.

## THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES IN TENNESSEE.

Five Democrats Aspire to Succeed the Republican Governor, Ben W. Hooper.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 1.—The campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination closed last night in a whirlwind finish and today the primary is being held throughout the State. Five Democrats aspire to head the party ticket this year in opposition to the re-election of Governor Ben W. Hooper, the first Republican governor Tennessee has had in thirty years.

The Democratic candidates for the governor are former Governor Benton McMillin, of Nashville, W. R. Crabtree, of Chattanooga, Attorney General W. S. Faulkner of Lebanon, T. R. Preston of Chattanooga, and Thomas T. Tyne, one of the leading young members of the Nashville bar.

The Democratic candidate who is successful in today's primary is expected to have a great advantage over conditions two years ago, when the late Robert L. Taylor went down to defeat before the alliance of independent Democrats and Republicans with Hooper as the standard bearer. At that time the election machinery of the State was in the hands of the enemy of the regular, organized Democracy. In ninety of the counties in the State the Democratic nominee, Senator Taylor, did not receive a single election officer. This year there is one regular Democrat on the State Election Board and a second, an independent, who favors harmonizing the factions of the dominant party so that the single Republican left cannot do for Governor Hooper what was done for him two years ago, when the tide was against Democracy.

The fly in the Democratic ointment to be found in the senatorial candidacy of former governor Malcolm R. Patterson ("the stormy petrel of Democratic politics") on account of the prominence that Gov. Patterson had in connection with the Carmack-Cooper case and the defeat of local option so strongly urged by him, there were many Democrats who did not think it the best interest of party harmony for him to get into politics so early again. But as the senatorial primary is to be a separate affair, to be held at the time of the regular election in November the hope is expressed by leading Democrats that the contests for governor and senator may be kept separate.

Governor Hooper still has his favorite prohibition plank with which to go before the divided Democrats. His party played this feature strong in the State convention that renominated Governor Hooper last spring. As Tennessee is said to be naturally a Prohibition State, the followers of Hooper are hopeful that their favorite will win again no matter who is selected as the Democratic standard bearer.

## Birthday Party.

The farm residence of Mr. Wm. L. Holland in township No. 2, in Cabarrus county, was the scene of a pleasant social event on Monday. Mrs. Holland and the children conceived the idea of having a family reunion on Mr. Holland's approaching birthday. They laid the plan carefully and carried it out skillfully so that the good man was not aware of what they were about until after a number of casual arrivals, Mrs. Wentz, a near friend and neighbor, appeared all dressed up and was congratulating him on having come safe and happy to his fifty-ninth birthday.

All the children were present and eight of the nine grandchildren. A bountiful dinner, as rich as all the splendid dinner and various gifts of this prosperous year, was served in the deep, cool shade of a number of great trees on the lawn.

Mr. G. T. Holland, of Concord, a brother, and Mrs. W. C. Ferguson, of Charlotte, a sister, were present. Mrs. R. H. McClelland, of Jamestown, another sister, could not come. Mr. John Alexander, of Irredell, with his family was among the friends from a distance.

In the much regretted absence of Rev. A. O. Lindley, the pastor of the family, religious worship was conducted by Rev. J. L. Beattie, of Maldon Creek church, Derita, N. C.

The day was delightfully spent and one long to be remembered. Now that it is all over, Mr. Holland is greatly puzzled to know how they all managed to keep him in the dark and yet none of them said a word that was not strictly gospel true.

**Major Butt Died on a Raft in Mid Ocean.**

Black Ireland, R. I., July 31.—A message found in a bottle washed ashore here today proves that Major Achibald Butt did not, as was thought, perish with the ship "Titanic," but that he died on a raft several days thereafter. The message is as follows:

"April 16, midocean. Help. On a

raft. Titanic sinking. No water or food. Major A. Butt."

**Order of The Holy Cross.**

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 1.—The general chapter of the Order of the Holy Cross, which meets once every six years, to legislate for its members and consider proposed changes in the law of the order, convened at the University of Notre Dame today for a week's session. Delegates are in attendance from Italy, France, India, Canada and the United States.

## TWO AMERICANS HANGED IN MEXICO

ROUTE DECIDED UPON.

Albemarle Correspondent Thinks That

the New Railroad is Going Direct

to Charlotte and Leave Out Albe-

marle, Mt. Pleasant and Concord.

Albemarle, July 29.—The Raleigh,

Charlotte and Southern R. R. Co., is

not a doubt any long as to where it

will run. The line is located by Nor-

wood. The contractors are now look-

ing over the route and final bids will

be sent in within the next week. The

railroad company acted in bad faith

as Mr. Duncan, of Raleigh, who came

to Albemarle after he had bought the

charter for his company and said that

if the people of Albemarle would

guarantee them the right of way

through the town that the road would

if built would come by Albemarle as

they could not leave it out. A meet-

ing of the citizens of Albemarle were

called and forty of the most influen-

tial men signed a bond guaranteeing

the right of way through the city.

It developed later that a line was be-

ing run by Norwood direct to Char-

lotte, and the people of Albemarle,

Mt. Pleasant, and Concord got bus-

ty and sent a committee to Norfolk to

see Messrs. Lamb and Duncan.

The committee came back with the

assurance that if the right of way

through Stanly and Cabarrus were

gotten that the line first surveyed

would be the one. The business men

of Albemarle got busy at once and

secured 90 per cent of the right of

way and so telegraphed Mr. Duncan

but it seems that all efforts were

in vain, as it is stated on good auth-

ority that the Southern Railway Co.

is behind it. It seems now that the

Southern Railway Company has Sal-

isbury and Concord blocked for some

time to come.

**SUPREME COURT TO  
SETTLE ELECTORS' MUDDLE**

Kansas Electors Openly State They

Will Not Vote for Taft And Sher-

man.

New York, Aug. 1.—United States

Supreme Court Justice Devanter to-

day prepared to pass on one of the

most important political questions

ever raised in the history of the na-

tional action of presidential electors in

most of the direct primaries, resulting

directly from the action of the

Supreme Court of Kansas, de-

clares that the names of eight presi-

dential electors of that State shall be

placed in the official Republican col-

umn, although the men openly stated

that they will not vote for Taft and

Sherman but will vote for Roosevelt

when the electoral college assem-

bles. The Taft forces are represented by

Representative of Congress M. E. Olmstead,

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