

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-Dispatch 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 network 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 6 possible 43?" Immediately upon reading this charge Senator Simmons sent the following telegram to Ryburn and Hoy 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 38 enumerated articles of household and farm supplies which the farmer does not produce but buys. They were voted 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 of 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.

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

(By Old Hurraygraph.) 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—a hand that man cannot approach in all of its artistic touches—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 and exposition of the wonderful works of the Creator; a chalice of health to the weak and feeble, and a resort of rest 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 praises 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 cooling 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 stopping 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 the party are G. N. Thomas, J. C. Query, J. W. Overton, Jesse White, Stafford Query, Walter Query, Clarence Mims, and Clarence Howard. They will stay here several days.

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 Reform of Convicts"; Governor Aldrich of Nebraska, "Taxation"; Governor Hay of Washington, "State Supervision of Investments"; Governor Shafroth of Colorado, "Conservation of Water Power"; Governor Hawley of Idaho, "The Good Roads Factor in Western Development"; Governor Carey of Wyoming, "The Reclaiming 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's 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.

(By Old Hurraygraph.) 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 nomination for 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 is 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 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 Iredell, 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 Malard 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 Archibald 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 18, 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

WAS IT DONE TO PRECIPITATE AMERICAN INTERVENTION?

Consuls in Northern Mexico Ordered to Make Rigid Investigation.—Dispatches Say the Hanged Men Were Non-Combatants, and Were Executed by Rebels to Precipitate Intervention by United States.

Mexico City, Aug. 1.—Government officials are perturbed today over the reported hanging of two Americans in Sonora and rigid investigation has been ordered.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The State Department today ordered United States consuls in northern Mexico to conduct a rigid investigation into the hanging of two unidentified Americans by rebels. The dispatches today stated that they were non-combatants and were only executed by rebels in order to precipitate American intervention.

THE GRACE TRIAL.

Mrs. Daisy Opie Grace Ready to Take Stand in Her Own Defense.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 1.—Fulton county court convened today. Mrs. Daisy Opie Grace is ready to take the stand in her own defense against a carefully constructed circumstantial case which the prosecution built around the theory that she plotted to kill her husband for \$25,000 life insurance. That she has full confidence in her ability to sweep away the prosecution's case is evident. She dreads facing the accusing eyes of her husband lying on a cot. It is believed the defense will ignore the alibi letters.

No. 8 Township Sunday School Convention.

The Sunday school convention for No. 8 township will be held at St. John's church Wednesday, August 14, 1912. The exercises will begin at 10 o'clock. The following is the programme:

- Song.
- Prayer.
- Welcome address by Rev. G. O. Ritchie.
- Response by Rev. J. M. Peck.
- Enrollment of delegates.
- Reports of the different Sunday schools.
- Discussions.
- Song.
- Appointment of nominating committee.
- Intermission.
- Song.
- Prayer.
- Address by Rev. B. L. Stanley.
- Subject: How the teachers can best hold the interest of his class.
- Address by Rev. N. R. Richardson.
- Song.
- Address by C. R. Pless.
- Around table talks, conducted by Rev. R. A. Goodman.
- Song.
- W. B. FISHER, President.
- L. A. LIPE, Secretary.

\$2,400,000 Paid New York Police for "Protection."

New York, July 31.—The price that the underworld pays for police protection in New York aggregates a total of \$2,400,000 annually, according to "Jack" Rose, the confessed agent of Lieutenant Charles A. Becker, the former head of Commissioner Waldo's "strong arm" squad, who is now in the Tombs under indictment for murder in the first degree in connection with the assassination of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler.

Rose, whose confession caused the arrest of Becker, in his sworn statement says that Becker himself is his informer regarding the tremendous sum that the gambling and other vicious elements pay annually in order to keep in the good graces of those whose duty should be to put them out of business.

To Organize School Teachers for Wilson.

Sea Girt, N. J., Aug. 1.—W. H. Samford, a lawyer, of Montgomery, Wilson leader in the pre convention fight, against Underwood, of Alabama, submitted to the Governor a plan for organizing the school teachers of the country to work for Wilson for President. The Governor announced that Representative Ollie James, of Kentucky, his luncheon guest today.

To Pass Underwood's Cotton Tariff Measure.

Washington, Aug. 1.—When the House met today, it prepared to brush aside all business to clear the track for the passage of Representative Underwood's bill revising the cotton tariff measure similar to the one President Taft vetoed last summer. It reduces the duties on cotton man-reduction of 35 per cent.

Roosevelt on the Negro Question. Oyster-Bay, August 1.—Col. Roosevelt today declared that he will take a radical stand on the negro question which will probably not be popular. He said he had completed a declaration of where he stands comprising some 1500 words which would be made public in a few days.

THIS MAN THINKS ROUTE DECIDED UPON.

Albemarle Correspondent Thinks That the New Railroad is Going Direct to Charlotte and Leave Out Albemarle, 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 Norwood. The contractors are now looking 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 be built would come by Albemarle as they could not leave it out. A meeting of the citizens of Albemarle were called and forty of the most influential men signed a bond guaranteeing the right of way through the city. It developed later that a line was being run by Norwood direct to Charlotte, and the people of Albemarle, Mt. Pleasant, and Concord got busy 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 Stanley 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 that all efforts were in vain, as it is stated on good authority that the Southern Railway Co., in behind it. It seems now that the Southern Railway Company has Salisbury 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 Sherman.

New York, Aug. 1.—United States Supreme Court Justice Devanter today prepared to pass on one of the most important political questions ever raised in the history of the nation, involving the legality of the future action of presidential electors in most of the direct primary States, resulting directly from the action of the Supreme Court of Kansas, declares that the names of eight presidential electors of that State shall be placed in the official Republican column, although the men openly stated that they will not vote for Taft and Sherman but will vote for Roosevelt when the electoral college assembles. The Taft electors are represented by Congressman M. E. Olmstead, of Topeka, Kans., and the Roosevelt case was presented by L. W. Koplinger of Kansas City, and F. S. Jackson, of Topeka.

TAFT IS NOTIFIED.

No Doubt Was Much Surprised Today When Told He Was Republican Nominee.

Washington, Aug. 1.—President Taft was today notified that he is the presidential nominee of the Republican party. National Republican convention notification committee performed its perfunctory duty. The ceremony was remarkable for its informality. Senator Elihu Root, chairman of the notification committee, formally tendered the nomination in a brief speech striking Roosevelt for the "stolen delegates" charge and glowingly commending Taft's administration. The President replied in a 10,000 word "keynote" speech, outlining the issues of the campaign, and bitterly assailing the "demagoguery, fraud and misrepresentation" against himself and his administration. He did not mention Roosevelt's name.

FULL STORY TO BE TOLD.

Men Who Killed Rosenthal to Tell Detailed Story to Grand Jury.

New York, Aug. 1.—The grand jury is to be told the complete story of the actual killing of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, by the men who participated in it, it was admitted at the district attorney's office today. The latest collapse is "Dago Frank" Cirocisi. After being identified by three witnesses to the murder, he sent word to Whitman that he was willing to tell all to escape the electric chair. He claims that the actual shooting was done by either "Lefty Louis" or "Whitey Lewis."

Will Claim That Grace Shot Himself.

Atlanta, August 1.—That Eugene H. Grace shot himself following bitter dispute was the explanation of the shooting by Mrs. Grace's Attorney today outlined in defense charging Mrs. Grace with attempted murder. Attorney Branch defense counsel suddenly changed his plans springing a new defense. Mrs. Grace hopes to take the stand late this afternoon.

Governor Kitchin may have been "asleep at the switch" as it was said of him some time ago, but he is certainly not asleep in his executive office or mansion just now.—Charlotte Chronicle.

These are more lessons than plums on the political plum-tree.

CANNON IN GREAT FORM.

Big Hurler Holds Opponents to One Hit.—Winston Stars With Stick.

The Cincos and the Lockettes again hooked up at Cinco Park yesterday afternoon and the former won by the score of 6 to 0. The victory was gained through the superb work of Ross Cannon on the slab. The big boy was in great form and allowed his opponents only one hit, an infield scratch. Besides being stingy with bingles Cannon whiffed fourteen of the would-be base runners. Winston's stick work was the willow feature. The hefty receiver enjoyed a "Ty Cobb day" at the bat, lacing out four hits out of as many times up. Several of the regulars of both clubs were out of the line up and neither team showed its full strength.

CINCOS	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
West, ss	4	2	1	1	2	0		
Morris, lf	2	0	0	0	0			
Sappenfield, 2b	3	0	0	3	2	0		
Winston, c	4	2	4	14	2			
Patterson, lb	4	1	1	7	0	1		
Pearson, 3b	3	1	1	0	1	0		
Moose, cf	3	0	1	0	0	0		
Dusenberry, rf	3	0	1	0	0	0		
Cannon, p	4	0	0	2	0	0		
Roberts, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	28	6	9	27	9	1		

LOCKE MILL	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Sapp, J. 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0		
Allred, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0		
Wood, ss	2	0	0	2	5	3		
Archer, 2b	4	0	0	2	3	0		
Kizziah, rf-2b	2	0	0	4	0	1		
Rogers, lb	2	0	0	7	1	0		
Sapp, R. cf	3	0	1	0	0	0		
Archer, c-p	3	0	1	2	2	0		
RaeFord, p	2	0	0	0	1	1		
Graham, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	24	0	1	24	12	5		

Carolina Leaguers Are Growing Violent.

Charlotte, N. C., July 30.—The worst outbreak of lawlessness that has ever been experienced in the Carolina League seemed to have had a climax in the game at Anderson this afternoon with Spartanburg when third baseman Martin, of the latter club, was snatched from enraged hands by police and escorted to safety this attack being followed by a fight between first baseman Gleishman, of Anderson, and catcher Coveney, of Spartanburg, in which the latter was knocked unconscious. President Wrenn, of Charlotte, is tonight taking renewed steps to stop these acts of violence and is imposing fines of \$25 and \$50.

Parcel Post to Panama.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.—The parcel post system recently agreed upon by the United States and the Republic of Panama was put into operation today. The agreement in regards to weight, etc., is the same as the similar agreement existing between the United States and the principal European countries.

Miss Mary Plastre, of Enochville, spent yesterday here with friends.

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