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CORRESPONDENCE LETTER FROM THE CAPITAL OF STATE

(Special Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., August 22.—With only ten weeks intervening between now and election day, Chairman Warren, of the Democratic State Committee, has adopted a hurry-up slogan, and is endeavoring to impress upon the local party managers and leaders in all the counties the necessity of getting the campaign formally started everywhere without further delay.

Every intelligent person knows how dangerous delays are, yet in some counties there has been a disposition to put off things that should be looked after and carefully looked after, at once. The local speakers who have been disposed to balk at "hot weather" will now find the first fall month peeping at them just around the next corner—and they are expected to "get a move on them" without further parley and proceed to swat the enemy at every little meeting place available—wherever a few may assemble themselves together. It is at these little meetings, where one's neighbor tells him the truths and developments which ordinarily would come to his knowledge that the bed-rock, the ground work, of the year's campaign is laid. That is Chairman Warren's opinion, and it certainly sounds like the real thing. Closely connected with these little meetings is the opportunity thus presented for the precinct committeemen to get in some good work and pass it on up to the county chairman—one of the most desirable and effective, not to say indispensable, results being the proper polling of the voters of every precinct, as the State Chairman has been urging already. That is the way to start up the political machinery and get it in good working and running order.

A little later on, some of the big guns of the campaign (who can't be everywhere at one time) will visit every county and help the cause along—and there's some mighty fine material booked for the bigger meetings. Then aside from the nominees for governor, and presidential electors at large, than whom it would be hard to find three more eloquent and convincing speakers in this or any State.

We want to make every effort to keep our hold on a majority in the new Congress, both House and Senate, for it looks every day now more and more like four more years for Woodrow. Bear in mind this injunction while you keep your eyes open in the several congressional districts where it is known the Republicans are making real efforts and using money to capture a new congressman.

BICKETT APPOINTMENTS.

Attorney General Bickett, Democratic candidate for Governor, will speak at Asheboro next Saturday, August 26th, and State Chairman Warren announces the following additional appointments for Mr. Bickett: At Nashville Monday, August 28th; at Shelby September 3; at Lillington September 5; at Albemarle, Stanley County, September 9.

Through some accountable error the date of the Asheboro meeting became confused, and a number of papers announced it for August 19th, instead of August 26th. Next Saturday (26th) is the date officially stated from Democratic headquarters here, and the prospects are that it will be a great meeting, with a number of prominent Democrats participating.

Elector Cam Morrison's appointments for the immediate future are: At Raeford August 25; at Sanford August 26; at Lumberton August 29; at Fayetteville August 30; at Saint Pauls August 31.

Appointments for Elector Sinclair will be announced soon. Like his yoke mate in this campaign, Mr. Sinclair is one of the finest campaigners in the State, and people will be delighted to hear these "big guns" discuss the issues of the day.

THE BOOT ON THE OTHER LEG.

Despite the ancient assertion that figures don't lie, here are some that at least avoid the truth in a glaring manner. Mr. Candidate Hughes' campaign manager has just announced his first "forecast" of the season. Of course an attempt to figure out in August how the election will go in November is rather previous, and to that extent worthless. But this initial "forecast" of the Republicans, based on what they term "reasonably certain" votes, is as ridiculous as worthless, and will hardly serve the evident purpose of fooling somebody who knows better.

Selecting exactly half the number of States this prognosticator lades out an even 300 votes for Hughes, or 34 more than necessary to elect. These States he terms "reasonably certain," and then proceeds to add 100 more electoral votes which "probable" Republican States will yield his candidate.

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