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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Post Election Chat—Senator Gorman The Democratic Leader—Several Aspirants for Speakership.

Washington, Nov. 12, 1902.—When it was first realized that the Republicans had won complete control of the House of Representatives it proved a bitter disappointment to the Democratic leaders in Washington who had worked so indefatigably all summer, but as the smoke of battle clears away and it is possible to take a more dispassionate view of the situation there are many consoling features in the "Republican victory." Governor Odell, who carried New York State by a majority of 110,000 two years ago, was this year elected by so small a majority that it is evident to everyone, familiar with the situation, that a closer supervision of the "up-state" polling places would have meant his defeat while, if such a man as Judge Parker had been the Democratic nominee, Mr. Odell would have been snowed under. Again, prosperity in the party, as is inevitably the case, has given rise to numerous feuds despite the President's appeals to "hang together." A number of Republican Senators and Representatives have been in Washington during the past week and all emphatically declare that there will be no change in the tariff schedules. They are undoubtedly correct, but how will that please the western element of the party, the Iowans and the Minnesotians especially?

Another point which must be remembered in connection with the recent campaign is that where a congressional nominee reported to Judge Griggs that his district was close and that it would require a few hundred dollars or perhaps the services of an able speaker to pull him through and the Judge spared him a small amount out of his carefully treasured fund, Representative Babcock immediately sent several speakers and several hundred dollars into the district. The Democrats will, however, establish permanent campaign headquarters in the near future and will use every legitimate means to amass a campaign fund and perfect the organization before the great fight of 1904. There were many incidents of the recent fight which were carefully noted and which will be most available in the future. The final conclusion of Judge Griggs, as expressed to your correspondent yesterday, is that "as straws show which way the wind blows, so there are many straws which point to Democratic victory two years hence."

There is a good deal of gossip in Washington at present in regard to the future of Arthur P. Gorman, Senator-elect from Maryland. Mr. Gorman is an astute politician and an able leader and it is assumed that he will probably become the leader of the Democratic side of the Senate. The Republicans, talking among themselves, say he will prove a "thorn in the flesh" and many prominent Democrats say "he is a safe man to watch."

The announcement made last week by Representative Dalzell, who came to Washington for the purpose, that he will be a candidate for the speakership, is the first actual opening for a fight which promises to prove interesting and bitter. Mr. Dalzell will stand for the extreme phase of protection and those members who are unalterably opposed to tariff revision will doubtless flock to his support. On the other hand, Representative Babcock will make a fight for the speakership and he is believed to represent the "moderate revision" faction. Representative Cannon of Illinois will make a vigorous contest for the position and heretofore he has been the favorite. Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, whose great anti-trust movement appears to have flashed in the pan, is also a candidate and be-

fore the struggle is over there is likely to be a pretty quarrel.

A report from Iowa to the effect that Speaker Henderson will attempt to wrest the gubernatorial nomination from Governor Cummins and in that way to discredit the author of a protest against those tariff schedules "which shelter the trusts" is received with considerable credence in Washington. It is further alleged that Secretary Shaw desires the vice-presidential nomination and that he would look with a favorable eye to the total eclipse of Cummins. Secretary Shaw was seen by your correspondent, after the Friday Cabinet meeting at the White House and he then denied all knowledge of the Speaker's intention, but he may have learned them since.

Senator Beveridge is in Washington seeking to make arrangements whereby he and the other members of the Senate Committee on Territories may take a jaunt through Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico at government expense, preparatory to reporting the bill for their admission to statehood, which passed the House at the last session. Greatly against his will, Mr. Beveridge was forced, by Senator Quay, to promise that this bill should be reported to the first term of this session and he will doubtless do so but he will first enjoy a junket as the price of his surrender.

The Anthracite Coal Strike Commission has completed its preliminary inspection of the mines and the homes of the miners. Hon. Carroll D. Wright yesterday told your correspondent that he had found, on his return to Washington, acceptance from a majority of the independent operators in the anthracite region, to the invitations to become party to the arbitration to be conducted by the Commission, and he hastened to the White House to inform the President of the fact as the supposed hostile attitude of these operators had occasioned considerable anxiety as to the outcome of the Commission's work.

The President and his family are once more living in the White House, although Mr. Roosevelt will soon depart on another trip. He will leave first for New York. From thence he will go South and will attend the reception to Luke E. Wright, vice-governor of the Philippines, at Memphis on November 19. He will then go to Philadelphia to attend the banquet of the Union League club and will not return to Washington finally until the 22d. Only that portion of the White House occupied by the President's family is completed, the renovation being little more than half done in the east room and in various stages of progress in other portions of the House.

Mr. Platt's Mysterious Death.

Mr. T. W. Platt, in company with others of this section, attended the Fayetteville Fair Wednesday of last week. He was brought home Friday a corpse. How he received the injuries that caused his death is a mystery.

Thursday morning he was seen standing in the creek below Eccles bridge in Fayetteville, clinging to the limb of an old tree. When called to by Chief of Police Flowers he staggered to the bank but was unable to tell even his name. He was taken to the Marsh-Highsmith Sanitarium and given treatment. He never regained consciousness but died Thursday night.

His skull was fractured and his ear and eye injured. Whether he received these wounds by foul play or by falling is unknown. The coroner's jury's verdict was that he came to his death by unknown causes.

His father-in-law, Mr. David P. Johnson, went to Fayetteville and brought the remains here Friday afternoon and the interment took place at his home a few miles from here.

All sorts of Jewelry going at cost at Allen Bros.

Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer.

ROLAND MOLINEUX ACQUITTED.

After Spending Nearly Four Years in Prison He is Free Again.

After nearly four years of torture, part of the time in the shadow of the electric chair, with a death watch keeping grim guard over him, Roland Burnham Molineux walked forth in the autumn air yesterday a free man, the pall lifted from his life at last.

It has been a drama of absorbing interest from the beginning and never more so than at its climax. When the foreman of the jury in the New York Criminal Court pronounced the words "Not Guilty!" a mad cheer went up in the packed courtroom. Men and women danced and shouted for joy. The prisoner, whose lawyers had steered him for the ordeal, stood unmoved, under perfect control. His aged father, Gen. Edward Leslie Molineux, who is said to have spent fully \$100,000 to win acquittal for the accused son, was overcome by his feelings.

From the courtroom Molineux was taken by his father in a carriage to the Tombs Prison, where he packed his effects and bade good-by, after still another ovation, this time from the hundreds of wretched captives behind the bars.

At the Molineux home in Brooklyn there was a joyous reunion at night. Neighbors, came by dozens to shake the hand of the central figure in the great murder case and to greet his devoted father.

The proceedings of the trial's last day began with the closing argument by Assistant District Attorney James W. Osborne for the prosecution. This consumed two and a half hours. Then came Justice Lambert's charge to the jury, in which he laid stress on the fact that the handwriting on the poison package was the central point in the case. The jury took but one ballot, being unanimous for acquittal.

Molineux is safe from any further prosecution for Mrs. Adams' murder. The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution to the United States says:

"Nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb."

It is the general belief that the murder must ever remain a mystery.

The Molineux case has been a dear one. It has cost New York county \$255,000. The first trial cost \$175,000 and second \$80,000.—Baltimore Sun 12th.

CLAYTON.

Public school began Monday, attendance about 175.

Mr. Nick Allen, of Auburn, spent several days in town recently.

Messrs. R. A. Hall and Joe R. Hinant spent Sunday in the country.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam, of Selma, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. A. Griffin.

Mrs. C. H. Belvin spent part of this week with her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Horne.

The entertainment given Friday night was a decided success and reflected credit on the teacher and students.

Messrs. D. W. Barbour and B. M. Robertson have returned from Kansas City where they have been to purchase mules and horses.

The ladies of the Clayton Baptist church sent a box valued at \$75 to a frontier missionary in Florida. This shows who is pushing the good work.

Pastor C. W. Blanchard is conducting a series of meetings at the Baptist church this week. All the stores close at 7 o'clock at nights for the clerks to attend services.

Mrs. D. H. Williams and Mrs. Jno. W. Hales returned Monday from a visit to relatives near Wakefield. Mrs. Williams brought back a potato which weighed 7½ pounds when dug, given her by Mr. Wiley Broughton.

"YELLER."

COLORED BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Among Those Present are the Ablest of Their Race in the State.

The Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of North Carolina is now in session at the Baptist church. It assembled Tuesday night. Interesting sessions are held daily.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. P. F. Maloy, of Charlotte; it was a sermon of interest and power. Wednesday was foreign mission day. Many excellent speeches were made on this subject. The missionary sermon by Rev. J. W. Kirby, pastor of the First Baptist church at Raleigh, N. C., was a plain, practical and forcible sermon. Dr. Kirby is a powerful pulpit orator. The address by Mrs. Hubbard, of Pennsylvania, was excellent and most instructive.

The personnel of the convention is excellent and grand. A noble array of cultured Christian gentlemen, such as any body might be proud of, is now in our midst doing for the Master and for the extension of His kingdom. To-day (Thursday) is State mission day. A grand program will be dispensed with, interesting speeches and addresses will be made throughout the day. At 3 o'clock p. m. Hon. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, will address the convention.

The convention is being presided over by Rev. Dr. Browne, of Winton, N. C. Dr. Browne is a man of unusual ability and power, a man whose speeches and writings have attracted national attention and comment. There are other gentlemen in attendance of equal distinction and ability who are a credit to their race and the State in which they live.

Also, we have a number of distinguished women in attendance, Mrs. L. P. Moore, of Tennessee, Mrs. H. L. Hubbard, of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. E. E. Smith, of Fayetteville. There are many others here whose names, time and space will not allow us to mention.

REV. A. B. VINCENT,
JOHN W. BYRD,
Reporters for Convention.

Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer.

Are You a Farmer?

Are you a farmer? If so we call your attention to an announcement in another column of a Farmer's Institute to be held in the court house at Smithfield Friday, November 21st. These institutes have been held at various places in this and other states but this is the first for Johnston county. It is hoped that the farmers in every part of the county will take an interest in this meeting and attend. Time of meeting 10 o'clock. Be sure to come.

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Prices of the Banner.

Farmers who have sold at the Banner Warehouse during the last few days, and the prices they received.

Jno. W. Lassiter, 10½, 11, 11½, 15, 42½, 40, 30, 20, 15½, 15, 13½.

Sherron & Jones, 10, 11½, 11½, 12, 12½, 15, 15½, 13½, 15, 25, 30, 32, 40, 47½.

J. B. Smith, 11, 12½, 14, 22½, 25½, 27½, 28, 30, 40, 47½.

W. A. Smith, 12½, 16½, 17, 22½, 30, 45.

A. Johnson, 12½, 15, 15, 17, 30, 47, 40, 47, 43, 40, 21½, 30.

A Runaway Bicycle.

Terminated with an ugly cut on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. It developed a stubborn ulcer unyielding to doctors and remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured. It's just as good for Burns, Scalds, Skin Eruptions and Piles 25c, at Hood Bros., Drug Store.

Covers most; Wears longest—Sherwin-Williams Paint. Sold by H. H. & B. Co.

MR. ABELL FOR SPEAKER.

Johnston County Will Ask This Honor for Her Son.

The following article appeared in the Raleigh News and Observer: Smithfield, N. C., Nov. 5.—Some counties give big Democratic majorities one year and the next year there comes a slump, but Johnston county is as true to Democracy as the needle to the pole. In 1894 and in 1896 when almost every other county, except three or four small counties, were lost to the Democracy, Johnston kept the rudder true. Hon. Edward S. Abell was elected at that trying time to the State Senate and was one of the small band of State Senators whose wise and aggressive spirit laid deep and broad the foundations upon which the great Democratic victory was won in 1898. The voice of Mr. Abell was heard in thunder tones in the Senate of 1895 denouncing Fusion extravagance and misrule. He put the Fusionists on record and confounded them daily. His service



HON. ED. S. ABELL.

in that body entitles him to the lasting gratitude of the good people of North Carolina.

In every campaign for twenty years Mr. Abell has been a true and tried leader of his party in Johnston county. He is popular with the people who have sent him several times to represent them in the House and in the Senate. There will be no member of the Legislature of 1903 who has had longer or more varied legislative experience or who is better equipped by service to preside over the House.

Mr. Abell has always made eloquent and winning campaigns. His recent campaign in Johnston showed that he had grown in ability, in breadth and in power. His speeches on the tariff were not only strong and interesting, but showed his mastery of that great question which is now the uppermost question before the American public.

Mr. Abell is an experienced parliamentarian, a just and fair legislator, and the representative of the best Democratic county in the State. If chosen to that high position he would be in sympathy with the progressive spirit alive in the State and use his influence to shape legislation for the upbuilding of the best interests of North Carolina.

SELMA.

Mr. J. L. Jones sold 812 lbs. of tobacco here Thursday morning which brought a clear check of \$195.78, which shows that tobacco in Selma sells for good prices.

Miss Nicey Richardson, of Kenly, spent several days this week with Hon. Clarence W. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bright returned from a visit to Maxton Tuesday.

K. W. Ballentine, Esq., of Dry Wells, Nash county, was here Tuesday.

Hon. C. W. Smith is in town visiting his sister, Mrs. Clem Richardson.

Miss Fannie McKoy, of Manchester, N. C., who has been visiting Miss Margaret Etheredge, left for her home Tuesday, much to the regret of our young men.

Rev. K. D. Holmes is conducting a series of meetings in the Methodist church this week.

Mr. L. B. Richardson, of Kenly, was here Tuesday.

Mrs. G. A. Tuck left Wednesday to visit her brother, Thos. W. Winston, of Oxford.

Mr. Bill Dail, Mr. Thos. T. Oliver's superintendent at his Whitley place farm, died suddenly here Wednesday about 2 o'clock. He came here to see his physician and went to the drug store to have a prescription filled and told the druggist he would return for it. He went to R. B. Whitley & Co.'s store and was looking at some checks—turned quickly and walked out and sat down on the curb stone. Mr. W. W. Hare at this time came out of the drug store and noticed him coughing—while looking at him the blood gushed from his mouth and nose. Mr. Dail looked up appealingly at Mr. Hare but was unable to speak. Mr. Hare rushed across the street and lifted Mr. Dail up when he threw his head back on Mr. Hare's shoulder and expired. He had had consumption for over a year. He was carried into Whitley & Co.'s store and soon after moved to the Mayor's office where he was prepared for burial. He was taken home by relatives last night. Mr. Dail came to this county from Lenoir county some twelve or fifteen years ago and has lived with Mr. Oliver ever since. He was well thought of by all who knew him.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam left for a short visit to Clayton Monday.

Tobacco sold here Tuesday for 44 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Richardson spent Sunday here the guests of Mr. C. W. Richardson.

Our town was saddened Sunday night by telegrams from Oxford announcing the death of little Mary Noble Winston, the sweet and winsome daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Winston. She had been sick for some two weeks, but was thought to be improving—suddenly Friday night she was taken worse and died Sunday morning. Dr. Noble left Monday morning for Oxford to attend the funeral which was on Monday afternoon. Sympathizing friends sent many beautiful flowers and it was a beautiful, though sad, picture to see the little darling on her little bed surrounded by the beautiful flowers. The little angel was taken from earth to heaven for our Saviour said of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

SENEX.

General News.

The name of William R. Hearst, editor of the New York Journal, has been mentioned in connection with the Democratic nomination for the Presidency in 1904.

The public school teachers of Chicago have decided to join the American Federation of Labor. Mayor Harrison is opposed to the movement, while the judges of Chicago favor it.

William Richards, aged 82 years, of Wellsville, Utah, committed suicide Monday by hanging himself. He was a veteran of the Crimean war, having participated in the siege of Sebastopol, where he was severely wounded.

The Hanna boom in Tennessee has been squelched and that State will vote solidly for Roosevelt in the next Republican national convention.

Henry Watterson, the able editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, favors Senator Arthur Pue Gorman, of Maryland, to head the Democratic ticket for President in 1904.

News comes from Juneau, Alaska, of horrible examples of witchcraft as practiced by the Hoonah Indians. These Indians are said to be very superstitious and several days ago took a man who was believed to be possessed of a devil, cut off his ears and hacked his body in a frightful manner in an unsuccessful attempt to drive out the demon. He was finally buried alive in the earth and his scalp cut off inch by inch. The man was troubled with epileptic fits.