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## CHAIRMAN ELLER ON THE OUTLOOK.

"We Are Going to Have An Enthusiastic Campaign," He Says—Takes a Trip in the Mountain Counties From Which he Will Return to Raleigh.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 5.—Chairman A. H. Eller of the State Democratic Executive Committee, just before his departure this morning for a trip to several of the mountain counties in the northwestern section of the State, was asked for an expression as to the present political conditions, etc. With a smile which signified satisfaction, the State chairman promptly replied that the signs were unmistakably for a great Democratic victory this fall.

"We are going to have an enthusiastic campaign in North Carolina," continued Mr. Eller, who said that great interest was being manifested by the Democrats, and as evidence of his statements he cited the reporter to the great rally and basket picnic at Wentworth Monday last, when the next Governor, Hon. W. W. Kitchin, addressed an audience of about six thousand residents of old Rockingham.

The demand being made on the State chairman from various sections of the State for campaign speakers is very gratifying to Mr. Eller, who stated that they all want to hear the Democratic candidate for governor. Upon his return from the mountains, Mr. Eller will go direct to Raleigh and take up the work of the campaign. Preparation of copy of the Democratic handbook and other office work is now progressing satisfactorily.

## Cotton Crop Report.

Washington, July 31.—The average condition of cotton was 83 per cent on July 25th as against 81.2 a month ago and 75 a year ago to-day, according to the report of the department of Agriculture given out today. The condition on July 25th of previous years was 82.9 in 1906, 74.9 in 1905, and 81.4 for the past ten years. The condition of cotton on July 25, and the ten year average respectively by States follows, the first figures representing condition last month and the second the ten-year average:

Virginia, 90, 83; North Carolina 89, 81; South Carolina 84, 80; Georgia 85, 81; Florida 85, 84; Alabama 85, 81; Mississippi 86, 80; Louisiana 83, 82; Texas 82, 82; Arkansas 36, 82; Tennessee 88, 84; Missouri 88, 84; Oklahoma 66, 85.

## Micro Notes.

We are sorry to note that Mr. E. F. Pittman is quite sick.

We regret to note the illness of Mrs. Jim Capps. We hope that she may soon recover.

Rev. J. W. Nobles filled his regular appointment here Sunday and Sunday night. He was accompanied by his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Aycock and little daughter, of Rocky Mount, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Aycock.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Norton, of Lynchburg, Va., formerly of Selma, was brought here and buried in the family graveyard at Mr. J. W. Mazingo's Thursday, July 30.

On Saturday, August 1, Mrs. Henry Godwin died. Just before she passed away she told those around her that the angels had come after her the night before. When she had told this her spirit took its flight to the God who gave it. She leaves a husband and two children, one just two months old, and a host of relatives to mourn their loss.

REPORTER.

Micro, August 4.

Mr. Brayn will turn over to the campaign fund all clear profits of the Commoner made during the campaign.

## General News.

Wm. J. Brayn has retired from active editorship of the Commoner during the Campaign.

Governor Johnson writes Mr. Bryan that he will be at the service of the Democratic committee after September 1st.

Governor Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa, has announced himself as a candidate to succeed United States Senator Allison.

Chicago had a million dollar fire Monday in the burning of two grain elevators, a railway warehouse and 100 freight cars.

Dr. Henry Harms has been elected President of Newberry college, Newberry, S. C., to succeed President Scherer, resigned.

Three persons were killed and three injured in an automobile accident Monday near Burlington, twenty miles South of San Francisco.

Rear Admiral W. T. Swinburne has been placed in command of the Pacific fleet, succeeding Rear Admiral James H. Dayton.

The curtailment of four large South Carolina cotton mills was announced last week. These will operate only four days a week for an indefinite period.

Chairman Conners says the Democratic convention of New York State will be held about the middle of September; that Bryan will carry the State by 75 000 to 100,000 majority.

Two Americans and an Italian all of Hazelton, Pa., were instantly killed by the premature explosion of a blast at the stone crushing plant of Chas. Kehoe, on the out skirts of Hazelton Monday.

Virginia will place a bronze figure of Robt. E. Lee in the stately hall of the Capitol at Washington. This is the first memorial of a Confederate hero ever placed in a United States building.

Two men were killed and three probably fatally injured in an explosion Monday at the Knickerbocker Colliery of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company about one mile east of Shenandoah, Pa.

The riot at Pensacola, Fla., Thursday night of last week occasioned by the successful effort to lynch Leander Shaw, resulted in the death of two and the wounding of nine. The citizens regard the deplorable affair.

Notices were posted Monday at the mills of the United Cotton company at Central Falls, R. I., that next Monday a reduction of wages will go into effect. The rate of reduction was not mentioned but it is understood by the operatives to be a ten per cent one. The company employ 500 hands.

John Finney, the negro, who two weeks ago beat 11-year-old Mary Jamison almost to death in Franklin county in an attempt to criminally assault her, was last week convicted in court at Rocky Mount, Va. The jury was out five minutes. Finney is the first criminal sentenced to be electrocuted in Virginia.

A special from Fayetteville says that there was a tragedy at Hope Mills Sunday night. Jas. Riddle, while under the influence of liquor, abused his family, and Thomas, his son, went after a pistol. Later the father reproved the boy for smoking a cigarette, and picked up a board to strike the boy, who fired several shots into his father, killing him instantly. The boy surrendered.

An important conference was held in New York Monday between Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic National Committee and Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall. The session resulting in outlining the militant campaign to be waged in New York State by the party. Chairman Mack made a statement that Mr. Bryan will make few speeches and that most of his speech-making will be in doubtful states.

## SENATOR WM. B. ALLISON DEAD.

Served Eight Years in House and Nearly 36 Years in Senate.

Dubuque, Iowa, Aug. 4.—United States Senator W. B. Allison died at his home in this city this afternoon. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure. The end came as a result of a serious sinking spell due to a prostatic enlargement complicated with kidney diseases, and during a period of unconsciousness which had lasted since Saturday afternoon.

Senator Allison was born at Perry, O., March 2nd, 1829. His boyhood days he spent on the farm, which was his birthplace. Reaching young manhood he secured his education in Allegheny College, in Pennsylvania, and the Western Reserve College, of Ohio. He was admitted to the bar in 1850. From 1850 to 1857 he practiced law in Ohio. In 1857 he removed to Dubuque. He was a delegate to the national Republican convention in Chicago 1860. He was a member of the Governor's staff during the civil war. In 1863 he was elected to Congress and served continuously until 1871. In 1873 he was elected United States Senator from Iowa and represented his State in this capacity until the time of his death.

## The Work of a Nebraska Cyclone.

On June 4 last the inhabitants of Buffalo County, Nebraska, and particularly of the town of Kearney, were besieged by no less than seven tornadoes. We are indebted to Edward C. Bricker for the following brief information:

That a number of houses should have been wholly or in part destroyed is naturally to be expected of any cyclone that is at all violent. But that it should pick up a castor from a table, twist off the handle and drive the spindle through the branch of a walnut tree is surely no common occurrence. Mr. Bricker assures us that before the storm the castor found a place on the table of G. F. Franks, that it was intact with the bottles in their intended positions; yet after the tornado the base was found in a walnut tree limb. The wind had unscrewed the top and taken off the turntable. One of the bottles was found with twigs deuselessly packed into its neck, without a leaf stripped. The bottle however, was broken. — Scientific American.

## Shoppers Row Into the Store.

Rocky Point, N. C., Aug. 5.—Captain Johnson, roadmaster, reports Northeast river, at the Coast Line Bridge, at Castle Hayne, at a standstill since 12 o'clock, but highest on record. All bridges in Pender County are gone except Harrison Creek. Rural route No. 1 gives only partial service, owing to the high water.

The body of Robert Durham, of Burgaw, drowned, has not yet been recovered. The river has fallen two inches at Lane's Ferry, but is rising in Wilmington. The amount of damage cannot be estimated. There is an island in Shaken community in which there are twenty people, almost unaccessible, who are suffering for supplies. Three boats were in Malpass's store at Lane's Ferry at one time today, getting supplies, and clerks wading waist deep to wait on them. Flood at Island creek is running over top of automatic gate and county fence.

A special from Rocky Point says that after inquiries from several townships there is found an average damage to cotton of one third; sweet potatoes injured considerably; peanuts not much; late corn cut off from one-half to two-thirds. Cotton has a scalded appearance; all vegetation appearing as if saturated with a salt spray. The northeast river was higher Saturday than in forty years.

## DIED FROM ELEPHANTIASIS.

Woman Weighed 510 Pounds and Calf Measured 86 inches Around.

Pittsburg, Penn., Aug. 3.—After suffering for nineteen years from elephantiasis, Mrs. Anna E. Lynch died Friday at her home, near McKeesport. At her death she weighed 510 pounds.

When afflicted years ago Mrs. Lynch weighed 165 pounds. Her left leg measured eighty-six inches around the calf and the right leg sixty-five inches. Mrs. Lynch was 60 years of age. Many physicians of the United States and Europe had visited Mrs. Lynch to study the disease.

## Clayton News.

Mr. Chas. G. Gully, of Durham, spent Sunday here.

Miss Margaret Austin is spending the week here with relatives.

Miss Alma Fisher, of Durham, is the guest of Miss Mildred Baham.

Miss Ellie Whitley has returned from a two weeks visit in Wendell and Zebulon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Horn and Miss Swannanoa have returned from a stay at Morehead of several days.

On Tuesday, the 4th, the Farmers' Institute was held here and there was a big crowd in attendance.

The convicts have moved back to the township after a stay of several weeks on the Smithfield roads.

It's only a short while now before the college folks will be going back and leave old Clayton looking lonesome in spots.

We are looking for cotton to begin to come in early this season and consequently our merchants' places are beginning to look more like business and busy times.

Mr. Chas. W. Horne left Tuesday for Baltimore where he will meet his wife who has been in New York for some time; from there they will spend a few days in Norfolk.

The services at the Baptist church continue and much interest is being manifested. The pastor is doing some fine preaching and large crowds are out to hear him every time.

Several of our young people are attending a house party at the home of the Misses Tomlinson in the Polenta section. Miss Lillah D. Mann, of Whitakers, came Saturday to be with the party.

The Teachers' Institute is in session here this week. Quite a number of teachers are attending. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Creech are here for a few weeks before leaving for Castalia, Nash County, where Mr. Creech goes as principal of the Castalia Preparatory School.

Mr. C. W. Carter is one of Clayton's most fortunate citizens. Mr. Carter has two brothers, one living in Denver, the other a few hundred miles away. They proposed to pay Mr. Carter's expenses, railroad fare etc., if he would come to the Democratic Convention. Certainly he went, and speaks in the most glowing terms of Denver, and the generosity of his brothers, who by the way, can very well afford it as they are very well to do.

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## To Live With Leper Wife.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 4.—Determined that he would not be separated from his wife who is a leper and has been confined at the county Hospital, Brig. Gen. David K. Wardell, retired, veteran of two wars, has stolen her from the institution and rushed her across the Mexican border where he declares he will live with her until death separates them.

No attempt will be made to bring them back, as the officials say they both threatened to end their lives if forced to live apart.

## Archer Items.

Mr. J. M. Liles made a business trip to Zebulon Saturday.

Rev. A. A. Pippin will conduct services at White Oak Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs J. I. Barnes and M. R. Wall, of Clayton, were visitors here Sunday.

Miss Annie Carroll, of Raleigh, spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Ruffin Carroll, near here.

Miss Pattie Richardson returned Sunday from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Minnie Adams, of Raleigh.

Mr. Henry Batten and his sister, Miss Bette, of Spring Hope, were the guests of Mr. J. A. Batten's family last week.

Misses Henrietta and Lilly Green delightfully entertained a number of friends Saturday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock.

Barnes X roads and Shotwell played ball Saturday afternoon on X Roads' grounds. The score was 5 to 9 in favor of Shotwell.

The storm last week did considerable damage in our neighborhood. Crops were blown down and roads and bridges were washed away. The roads in many places are almost past travelling over.

Last Sunday as the sun was sinking behind the western hills and the sombre shades of night were gathering about us, our entire community was shocked as the sad intelligence was carried from home to home that Mrs. Pattie Green was dead. Mrs. Green had been in poor health for over a year but her condition was not considered critical until only a few hours before her death. She had a combination of troubles that defied all medical skill. All that loving friends, relatives, and physicians could do could not stay the hand of death. Mrs. Green was just in the prime of life's usefulness.

She suffered untold agonies but bore them patiently and the end came calmly and peacefully, as the tide bathes the once storm washed shore.

She never joined any church, yet we have many assurances that death was her gain and in the far beyond she rests her weary soul on Jesus' breast. She leaves a mother, husband, and several children besides a host of relatives and friends to mourn her sad death.

The interment was made Monday afternoon at the family burial ground amidst a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved.

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## Bagley Items.

Mr. W. R. Corbett, of Micro, was here yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ansley, of Micro, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Sellers left yesterday to attend the annual Camp meeting at Falcon.

Master Hugh Pike returned yesterday from Godwin where he has been visiting at the home of Mr. D. W. Edgerton.

The many friends of Mr. P. H. Godwin sympathize with him in the death of his good wife which occurred on the 1st inst.

Mr. D. W. Edgerton and son, Harvey, have returned to their home at Falcon, after several days sojourn in this community.

Mr. Thomas Holland, aged 72 and Miss Fannie Chance, aged 35, were married last Saturday at 8 p. m. at the home of the bride, N. R. Pike, J. P., officiating.

REPORTER.

Bagley, August 5.

You are liable to an attack of some form of bowel complaint and should provide yourself with the best known remedy, Dr. Seth Arnold's Balsam. Warranted by Hood Bros.

## LOSSES REACH OVER \$100,000.

Twelve Square Miles Under Water in Pender County—Reports not Exaggerated.

Wilmington, N. C. Aug. 4.—News continues to come in of great damage in the interior by the recent storm, especially in the Holly Shelter section of Pender county at the confluence of the Northeast and Shelter rivers and the Shaken creek, news of which was carried in the Associated Press dispatches this morning and where the whole face of the earth for twelve miles is reported to be covered with water, entailing great loss of crops and live stock. Every bridge on Northeast river, from Sarecta, Duplin county, has been carried away and the water this morning was reported still rising. Persons who have visited the water covered area say that it is impossible to exaggerate the facts and that the loss will be upwards of \$100,000.

Strange to say the country did not begin to overflow until Sunday and then whole families had to hurry away from their homes to dry land with only a part of their household belongings.

Many horses and mules were taken to a place of safety on rafts. Nearly all buildings at all in the low grounds of the stream named were carried away. Near Rocky Point, on the Northeast river, a canoe with three men was paddled into the door of Malpass' store and the goods above the counter were saved, the counter being the water line in the store. A steamboat going up Northeast river is reported to have discharged a cargo of hay in the second story of a warehouse on the river bank. The large general merchandise store of G. B. D. Parker, at Chinguapin, Duplin county, is said to have been flooded and a part of his stock of goods washed away.

## Big Strike On Canadian Pacific.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 5.—Longshoremen employed by the Canadian Pacific Railroad today struck in all shops on the system of the Atlantic to the Pacific and all shops tonight are idle. It is estimated that 12,000 men out, the largest number 2,200 in Montreal. Fifteen hundred quit in Winnipeg. Two thousand men left work between Fort William and Vancouver, all at the dictates of the executive committee of the various unions effected. Even old workmen in line for pensions, went home and it seems to be the most extensive strike in the history of railway shops in Canada.

## Estimates of Fire Disaster.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 4.—A summary of the results of the fires has been prepared here which is believed to be a conservative estimate as to the loss of life and property destroyed. It is as follows:

Town of Fernie, about 5,000 inhabitants; practically wiped out loss of twenty lives and \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000 in property. Insurance, about 50 per cent.

Town of Hosmer, about 800 inhabitants; partially burned, with loss of one life and \$250,000 in property. Three hundred persons homeless.

Town of Michel, believed not seriously burned, but four persons reported killed and property destroyed in vicinity estimated at \$1,000. Details unobtainable owing to lack of communication.

Town of Sparwood, saw mill village two killed; and large mills destroyed. Damage estimated at \$250,000. Damage to standing timber throughout the burned area estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

Ed Williams, a colored man, while drunk fell overboard from a steamer on the Cape Fear, river Friday and was drowned.