

**FORT SMITH****RETURNS FIRE.**

Coroner Inquest Still Going on in Wordy Contest—No Logic or Eloquence Yet in Sight—Another Installment of Hot Air—Real Meeting and Canvass as Far Off as Ever—Colonel John Richard Has Another Turn at Bat.

Mr. Geo. H. Richmond, Democratic Nominee for Coroner:

In response to your very flattering letter of the 1st instant, I will say that I am in perfect accord with you in regard to dates and details of our canvass. In your reply to my acceptance of your challenge you propose no specific theories of science, evolution or political principles upon which we could appeal to the judgment of the voters, but you only claim that your election is sure by virtue of the name of Democracy and you expect the name—and what's in a name—to carry you through. On the other hand I shall throw away all shams and fringes and fickle fancies and shall get down to solid facts and principles of government so that when elected I shall represent the best for the people's interest.

I thank you very much for your kind eulogy in calling me "a logician, a philosopher, an orator", and referring to me as "handsome, magnetic, tender-minded, etc." I appreciate this tribute of confidence from my opponent, and will refer it to the voters so they can be sure and elect one so attractive.

You hint that I will beat a retreat, but you forget that the Drummer Boy never beats a retreat, and I'm something of a drummer myself, and my observation shows very clearly that victory is just ahead and all that's needed is the voting and counting. You speak of "conservatism". Imagine a Democrat talking of conservatism while Hearst is their nominee for governor in New York and is being repudiated by even his own party, and while Bryan is riding over the country trying to be president so he can run the railroads by government ownership. O, Horatio, you forget that I represent the conservatism of the country and when coroner I'll very conservatively.

You say it takes common sense to get votes—then your reply elects me, for no one with common sense would claim Cabarrus county almost unanimously Democratic. If so, why Mr Glenn, why Mr Bryan, why Mr Hackett and all the big guns coming down here speaking so long and loud? Ah, why Democratic headquarters at all? Your acts prove my contention that you think your victory is in doubt.

Carried to its ultimate analysis the chief difference between us in this war of words is that we both expect to be elected. I appeal to the voters on principles of good government and competency for their support, while you fall back on your sainted party and expect it to carry you through disregarding every principle in the world. The day has passed when the party badge elects men, for the people do their own thinking and voting now.

You are right in one thing, friend George, when you say you are right, for you will be right badly defeated at the right time by the right man in the right manner and you'll be left right at home when I'm coroner, and all the Smiths and blacksmiths and silver-smiths will only swell my majority. This is true. Tom Moore says, "There's nothing true but Heaven," but Tom didn't live in a republican age like this, or he would have added an amendment to this.

In closing this discussion in the papers, I wish to congratulate my friend upon the fairness with which he has displayed his ignorance of political economy, and after I hold this office for 50 odd years I'll agree to resign out of courtesy to him. So he still has hope to gratify the ambition of his life.

If elected I shall do my duty to the best of my ability, and my opponent admits this; if defeated, which is an impossibility, I hope to have the good will of my fellowmen of all parties and creeds, and this is worth all the offices.

Again, thanking you for this opportunity of impressing on the minds of our people the importance of electing a coroner this year and the fact that I

am the one to be elected, I close this discussion for the open forum.

I shall enter the arena of the orator, and make Cicero weep for envy, make Webster's oratory a thing of air, make Calhoun's eloquence second-class, and if you have tears to shed prepare to shed them now, for there's nothing on earth, not even the pathos of Milton, the humanity of Burns, the fiery genius of Poe, shall be greater than my campaign this year for coroner.

Sir, your letter has aroused the lion and the lion has never been whipped. The sadness of this comes when I think of the one defeated. I hate to blast his fair, young dream of glory, but duty calls and I must hasten on. I offer him this consolation, though:

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,  
And all that beauty, all that wealth  
e'er gave,  
Await alike the inevitable hour—  
The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

Very respectfully,  
COL. J. R. SMITH.

Mr. Taft Thinks of Preeing Political Prisoners.

New York, Oct. 2.—A dispatch received here today states that Secretary Taft is considering granting amnesty to all political prisoners, and that he has asked the Supreme Court for its opinion in the matter.

It is said that Taft has no hesitancy in releasing men whose offenses are purely political, but the difficulty arises in pardoning these prisoners because against many there are additional complaints not set forth in the formal papers.

Democrats Lose Out in Connecticut.

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 2.—Connecticut Democrats made a hard fight yesterday to carry the cities and towns in the State, thus helping to make a better showing in the next election. Instead of gaining they are more hopelessly buried than ever. They did not win in more than 25 of the 162 towns and the same is true in the cities. In New London Mayor Hahand was defeated for re-election by Armstrong, the Republican candidate. Norwalk was the only city electing a Democratic mayor.

Cuban Situation Discussed by Cabinet.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The first cabinet meeting of the autumn was called by the President at 11 this morning. Six members responded. Secretaries Taft, Hitchcock and Shaw were absent all of these being out of town. The Cuban situation was thoroughly discussed.

Palma and Family Leave the Palace.

Havana, Oct. 2.—President Palma and his family left the palace this morning at 9 o'clock. They were accompanied by a few friends and boarded a ferry boat, crossed the bay and took train for Matanzas. After stopping there a few days they will go to Manzanillo.

Fire Does Damage in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Oct. 2.—Fire which destroyed the Western & Atlantic railroad shops last night threw 250 men out of employment and caused a loss of \$150,000. Eighteen engines were destroyed.

Troops Delayed in Sailing for Cuba.

New York, Oct. 2.—The transport Sumter with the first detachment of U. S. Troops for Cuba did not sail this morning owing to the late arrival of troops from Plattsburg, but sailed this afternoon.

Accused of Trying to Burn House to Get Insurance.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Oct. 1.—J. G. Goldstein was arrested this afternoon on the charge of attempting to burn the dwelling occupied by him to secure \$1,000 insurance carried on household property, alleged to be worth not more than \$700. Goldstein will be given a hearing Thursday. In default of \$1,000 bond he was committed to jail.

Many a true word is spoken in indignation.

**COTTON GOES UP FAST**

A Rise in the Price This Morning Followed by a Slump After a Crop Condition Report Comes Out—England Unsettled Over the Probability of a Short Crop in the United States.

London, Oct. 2.—The probability of a shortage of the cotton crop in America is causing alarm among English manufacturers and there are fears that the price may be raised to record a level with manufactured goods. England wants 12,500,000 bales of American cotton next season and it is believed she may be able to secure 10,000,000 or more at an increase of present prices of a half cent a pound, which means a total increase of \$30,000,000.

Cotton Active Through the Day.

The New York cotton market was strong and active through the morning. There was a steady advance in prices and when a report on the crop condition came out at 1 o'clock there was an increase in prices of about 20 points. This dropped off fast after the bureau issued a report which made the general crop condition 71.6. After the bulletin from the bureau giving this estimate there was a decline in the exchange prices, though after a decline the market again began to strengthen and pick up.

At 2 o'clock today the first of the ginner's reports was given out, the number of bales on September 25th being 2,044,226 bales. Local cotton gained a quarter today, new staple bringing 9.75. The above ginner's report is about seven thousand bales short of the report of one year ago on the 1905 crop.

**TAXES!**

Please read the following law carefully, and remember that I am compelled to obey the same, and every man in the county should know the law to conform to this law:

LAWS 1899, CHAP. 15, SEC. 36.—The sheriff or his deputy or tax collector shall attend at the court house or in his office in the county town during the months of September and November for the purpose of receiving the taxes; he shall also in a like manner attend at least one day during the month of October at some one or more places in each township, of which 15 days' notice shall be given by advertisement at three or more public places, and in a newspaper if one be published in the county.

SEC. 37.—Whenever the taxes shall be due and unpaid, the sheriff shall immediately proceed to collect them as follows: 1st. If the party charged have personal property of the value equal to the taxes charged against him, the sheriff shall seize and sell the same as he is required to sell other property under execution.

I shall endeavor to follow strictly the above law. Therefore all parties are earnestly requested to come forward and settle their taxes and save costs.

I will be in my office during the months of September and November, or you will find a deputy there, for the purpose of receiving your taxes.

I will visit the places below for the same purpose on the days stated during the month of October, 1900:

Rocky River, Township No. 1, Monday, October 8.

Poplar Tent, Township No. 2, Tuesday, October 9.

Deweese, Township No. 3, Wednesday, October 10.

Cook's, Township No. 4, Thursday, October 11.

Mt. Gilead, Township No. 5, Friday, October 12.

J. M. Faggart's, Township No. 6, Saturday, October 13.

Reed Misenheimer's, Township No. 7, Monday, October 15.

Mt. Pleasant, Township No. 8, Tuesday, October 16.

C. F. Smith's, Township No. 9, Wednesday, October 17.

Bethel, Township No. 10, Thursday, October 18.

Old Field, Township No. 11, Friday, October 19.

Concord, Township No. 12, Saturday, October 20.

The candidates of both parties will attend the different townships with the sheriff and tell you what they want.

JAS. F. HARRIS,  
Sheriff of Cabarrus County.

**Predicted Storm Did Not Materialize Last Night at Mobile.**

Mobile, Ala., Oct. 2.—Destitute women and children are to be brought from South beach and housed in the old infirmary until the houses be rebuilt. Two additional deaths are reported from Heron bay. William Welbert and Sam Hahn were drowned off a schooner and their bodies washed ashore. The storm predicted for last night did not materialize but the weather is still stormy. The Robert Stafford arrived here and reports three men drowned off the schooner Ethel Stafford at Grand bay. The L. & N. for the first time since last Thursday got a train into Mobile this morning from Montgomery.

When a man takes whiskey for a cold he doesn't care whether he gets over it or not.

The mantle of charity is too often a mist.

**The Man Who Wants to Get Ahead in the World**

Ought to know all about the work of this Building, Loan & Savings Association. Our plan for savers presents all the advantages possible.

If you want to save 25c per week take one share, if 50c a week then take two shares and so on.

As soon as these payments with the interest or dividends amount to \$100 you will receive that amount in cash.

This regular systematic plan is the only way that makes a success of saving, and it is the only way that makes possible the largest interest earnings.

You can withdraw your money at any time by giving thirty days notice. Information call at our office in Concord National Bank.

Cabarrus County,  
Building Loan & Savings  
Association.

**Why Men Fall in Crisis.**

Writing in all seriousness a doctor develops a curious theory to explain the errors which are responsible for disasters on land and sea, such as the Grantham railway disaster, the collision of Admiral Tryon's flagship Victoria with the Camperdown in 1893 and various episodes in the South African war.

According to the writer, at some time between the ages of 55 and 62 men lose their will power and judgment in a moment of crisis. This loss is only temporary, the psychological change taking place between the meridian of life and commencement of age. Business men, according to this theorist, who says he has collected data to substantiate the point, show similar signs of weakness, irresolution and suspicion at the same time of life,

but when they are a little older they are again reliable and wiser in counsel. Rest and patience are needed.—London Cable to New York Sun.

Ground to Death in Sugar Cane Mill. Greenville, S. C., Oct. 1.—A little daughter of Mr. P. E. Reid, living at Ebenezer, this county, met a tragic death today by being crushed in a sugar cane mill. The child was playing around the mill when she was caught by the beam and, before the mill could be stopped, she was horribly crushed. She died in a few minutes.

Constipation causes headache, nausea, dizziness, languor, heart palpitation. Drastic physics grip, sicken, weaken the bowels and don't cure. Doan's Regulets act gently and cure constipation. 25 cents. Ask your druggist for it.

Many a half truth works more trouble than a whole lie.

**MILLINERY OPENING.**

Miss Brachen announces Autumn and Winter Millinery Opening

Thursday, Oct. 4th

Showing the most popular models of those leaders of SMART STYLES, GAGE and PHIPPS. 9:30 a. m. to 6 p. m.

**OYSTERS! OYSTERS!**

We handle the Celebrated York River Oysters..... Also nice Trout, Flounders and Mulletts.....

Isenhour Bros.

PHONE 54.  
FAIR EXCHANGE.

A New Back for Old One—How it is Done in Concord.

The back aches at times with a dull, indescribable feeling making you weary and restless; piercing pains shoot across the region of the kidneys, and again the loins are so lame to stoop is agony. No use to rub or apply a plaster to the back in this condition. You cannot reach the bad back for a new and stronger one. Follow the example of this Concord citizen.

John Patterson, mill hand, employed in the cotton mills living at 38 Pearl St says: "I took Doan's Kidneys Pills to strengthen my back which had been very weak and pained me continually for three or four years past. I had despaired of ever finding relief for it when I saw Doan's Kidneys Pills advertised and got a box at the Gibson Drug Store. They did me more good than any other medicine I had ever used. They took all the pain out and have almost given me a new back."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

To let your light shine before men it isn't necessary to make a fireworks display.

A woman is tired of her husband when she no longer cares to quarrel with him.

**Pretty Parlor Pieces.**

Are you always proud of your parlor? Always proud to take your callers there? If not, there is something wrong, for an attractive parlor is within the limits of even the most modest purse. Let us show you how you can afford to make your parlor as attractive as you'd like to have it.



Craven Bros.  
Furniture & Undertaking Co.



MEN WHO KNOW  
COME HERE FOR SHOES

Our new Men's Shoes for Fall and Winter wear are here for you to see. See, Try on or Buy.

If you go so far as to try on a pair of our Shoes, we believe you'll buy—and if you buy, we'll be sure of you when you want the next pair.

Men's Shoes at \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.50 to \$6.00

Vici, Velour Calf, Black Russia, Patent Colt and Gun Metal Calf are the Favorite Leathers. Narrow Toe or Moderate Shape. Lace, Button and Bluchers.

The difficulty, when you come here, will not be in making a selection, but in knowing which of the many handsome styles to choose.

H. L. Parks & Co.  
DEPARTMENT STORE

We've everything in Woman's Footwear that any woman requires or desires for any occasion whatever. Just permit us to show you, any style, any quality from \$1.50 TO \$4.00

H. L. Parks & Company.



Boys and Girls always want style in their Shoes just as much as grown up folks—but strength, durability and proper fitting are still more essential.

Young feet are never still—they subject their footwear to all sorts of hard knocks and strains. Our Children's Shoes excel in every point where most Children's Shoes are defective.

BOYS' SHOES  
Box Calf and Velour Calf, Lace and Blucher Styles, Durable Soles and Military Heels \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 to \$4.00.

GIRLS' SHOES  
Vici, Kid and Gun Metal Calf, Low or Spring Heels, Lace or Button Style \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 to \$3.00

There will be no Children's Shoe troubles in any family where we do the shoeing.

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