

TOM JOHNSON'S
POLITICAL CIRCUS.

A Novel Method of Campaigning
in Ohio—A Millionaire Politician
Uses a Big Circus Tent
With All the Latest Improvements.

Cleveland, O., Dispatch, 14th.

Mayor Tom L. Johnson's campaign for control of Ohio, which began a few days ago, is without doubt one of the most peculiar ever attempted in this or any other State.

It partakes of all the features of a circus—the tent, seats, wagons, band of music and horses. The scheme is original with Mayor Johnson. First he ordered a tent with a seating capacity of 6,000 persons; then he ordered another of the same size to be prepared in case something should happen to the first. The second tent is held in Cleveland ready for shipment on an hour's notice. Next Mr. Johnson visited a factory where circus seats are made. There he ordered a platform, boards for seats and 500 settees for women. He invites the fair sex especially to attend his meetings.

A wagon maker was next seen and in a few weeks the shop turned out 10 huge circus wagons, 20 feet high.

"This is to be my circus," said Mayor Johnson, when all these things were ready, "and it shall be run just like a circus."

He selected for his manager C. J. Wagner, of New York, who once managed a big show. Wagner hired a canvas man, boss animal man and boss seat man, all of these experienced workers, and they in turn hired men for their different departments. Next a tailor was consulted, and in a few days neat khaki suits were delivered, also blue shirts and campaign hats. Everybody in the show was thus uniformed. Meanwhile 50 horses had been bought. Then Mayor Johnson sent for Mr. Wagner.

"Circus all ready?" he inquired.

"Yes, sir."

"How many pieces in the band?"

"Haven't any band."

"What! Going to run a circus without any band? Go get the biggest one in town—a union band, of course."

Mr. Wagner hired a band of 40 pieces and then announced that the show was ready to take to the road. Great banners were painted, and streamers on the sides of the horses bore the legend:

TOM L. JOHNSON
Will Speak in
The Big Tent
To-night.

The caravan set out from Cleveland. At its head in his big, red automobile, "The People," rode Mayor Johnson. With him were his son, Loftin, who acted as chauffeur, and his valet. Next in line was a small runabout, in which sat Manager Wagner. Then followed the 10 huge wagons and in the rear was a tally-ho carrying the band men. Mr. Johnson tried to get automobiles for the entire circus; but no factory would agree to build them within six months.

As soon as the caravan reaches the town in which it is scheduled to appear Mr. Johnson has conferences with his Democratic lieutenants. Meanwhile the small tents in which the men live are put up and Manager Wagner inspects the food he has ordered by telegraph. Soon the cooks are busy, and, encouraged by the savory odor, the men rush work on putting up the big tent. It is done as systematically, deftly and quickly as in any big circus in the country. All the latest machinery is used, even to the electric wiring, although the power is secured from the local electric light company in each town. The men are experienced and know their business.

After dinner the band parades the town, not to gather the crowd—for that gathers itself—but to "make some noise," as Mr. Johnson puts it. When the concert is over the "big show" begins. With Mr. Johnson are the State candidates, who travel by train. Local candidates are also invited to speak.

After the show Mr. Johnson seeks a hotel, the circus men go to sleep and the caravan takes the road again at daybreak. It is scheduled to keep on until November 3.

Mr. Johnson is bearing every cent of the expense. The outfit cost him \$125,000 and the cost

each day is estimated at about \$2,500, but Mr. Johnson is worth \$5,000,000 and can afford to turn politics into a circus.

Race Prejudice in the North.

Baltimore Sun

Race hatred and prejudice seem to be getting so bitter in the North that brunette girls may be compelled to use complexion powders. It is only necessary to be suspected of relationship with the negro race to be subjected to all kinds of indignities. The other day in Boston the door of a trade union was closed on all black faces. Then in Chicago, at the Northwestern University, the headquarters of liberty, a young colored woman who had entered the school was turned out into the street. As soon as it was discovered that she had negro blood she was expelled. But the most extraordinary thing happened at Evansville, Ind. A girl with a dark complexion entered at one of the public schools, and at once all the other children left and the teacher was confronted with empty benches. Trust officers were sent after the children, but their parents said they should not attend school with the dark-faced girl, whom they suspected of being a negro. The board of investigation took the matter up and after an investigation discovered that the girl has no negro blood. She is simply a brunette and her parents are French. It will be well hereafter for brunettes girls, when they enter the public schools in the North, to use some kind of complexion powders. It is really painful to note the existence of such prejudices in the minds of our Northern brethren.

Kings Mountain Items.

Kings Mtn. News, 10th.

David P. Dellinger, Esq., has sold his furniture business at Cherryville, and has entered the depot and will learn the railroad business.

Mr. Silas Keller died Monday morning. His remains were taken to Maiden Tuesday and buried by the side of his wife, who died about a month ago.

Misses Emma and Agnes Norris, who have been running the Mountain View Hotel very successfully for the past two years, have purchased the above property from Messrs. Mauney, Plonk and Williams and will continue in the hotel business.

Mr. J. A. James, the Observer's telegraph operator, made a recent locomobile trip from Charlotte to Spartanburg and back. The trip to Spartanburg was made in 17 hours. On the return trip, which took 9 hours, Mr. James passed through Kings Mountain and just in front of the beef market had the exquisite pleasure of scaring a horse hitched to a wagon almost into fits and causing him to make a break for dear life. The horse came out of the scare without injury, but the wagon was laid up for repairs. The owner of the wagon would not mind his loss, if his feelings had not been hurt by the driver of the locomobile showing that he was immensely tickled at the runaway. He does not think that it was the time to laugh.

A Model Mill Owner.

Charity and Children.

We have a mill owner in this State who feels no better than the lowliest child in his employ and who by his friendly interest in the welfare of the operatives has convinced them that he is their brother and friend. He worships in the same church with them, in their business affairs encourages them to be frugal and industrious, and provides excellent school facilities for the children of the village. In addition this good man has fitted up a library to which all the employees have access at every leisure moment. The villagers are happy and prosperous. Many of them own their own homes, and all of them have the greatest respect for the brotherly owner of the factory. His influence is a constant benediction throughout the community. For such as he no law is necessary regulating the employment of little children, but all factory owners in North Carolina are not such as he. There are some who wish there were no Sunday so that their profits might not be cut down a seventh. The law is a necessity for men like these.

The many friends of Greensboro Female College throughout the State will be gratified to learn that this excellent institution has had a fine opening for the fall term with bright prospects for a prosperous year.

AMERICANS SWEETER EVERY
YEAR.

People of United States Now
Consume 8 Times as Much
Sugar as They Did Last Century.

Washington Special 18th to N. Y. World.

The people of the United States now consume 8 times as much sugar per capita as they did in the first quarter of the last century, four times as much as the average per capita during the decade ending with 1850, and twice as much as they did in any year prior to 1870.

In the years immediately prior to 1825 the average consumption of sugar was about eight pounds per capita, in the decade 1860, about ten pounds per capita. In the years immediately prior to 1870 the average was about thirty-two pounds per capita (omitting the war years, in which the consumption was light), from 1870 to 1880 it averaged about forty pounds per capita. From 1880 to 1889, fifty pounds per capita; in 1891 the figure was sixty-six pounds per capita, and has ranged from sixty-two to sixty-eight pounds per capita since that time, the figure for 1891 being 68.4 pounds.

The steady growth in the per capita consumption of sugar is shown by some figures which the Bureau of Statistics will present in the next issue of its annual volume, the Statistical Abstract. The per capita consumption has been a matter of record during recent years, but it has not been before practical to compare the per capita consumption of recent years with that of earlier years and to note the very rapid increase in the quantity consumed by each individual of the country.

WORLD'S CONSUMPTION.

This growth in the consumption of sugar is evidently not confined to the people of the United States. The increase seems to have been equally rapid in other parts of the world, judging from the figures of total production. Figures recently published by the Bureau of Statistics in its monograph, "The World's Sugar Production and Consumption," showed that the sugar production of the world was eight times as great in 1900 as in 1840, the figure for 1840 being 1,150,000 tons and that for 1900 8,800,000 tons.

This increase in production, and consequently in consumption, has come largely through the development of the beet sugar industry, which increased from a production of 50,000 tons in 1840 to 200,000 tons in 1850, 831,000 tons in 1870, 1,402,000 tons in 1880, 3,633,000 tons in 1890, and 5,950,000 tons in 1900. During the same time, cane sugar production increased from 1,100,000 tons in 1840 to 2,850,000 tons in 1900. Beets in 1840 supplied 4.35 per cent of the total sugar product of the world; in 1850 they supplied 14.29 per cent; in 1860, 20.43 per cent; in 1870, 34.40 per cent; in 1890, 63.70 per cent, and in 1900, 67.71 per cent.

The per capita consumption of sugar in the United States is greater than that of any other country, except the United Kingdom, in which the annual consumption ranges from 85 to 91 pounds per capita, against from 60 to 68 pounds in the United States, the figure of consumption for 1900 in the United Kingdom being 91.6 pounds per capita.

INTERESTING TABLE.

The following table shows the per capita consumption of sugar in the United States and the principal European countries in 1900, the latest available year:

Countries.	Sugar Consumption Per Capita.
United Kingdom.	91.6
United States.	68.4
Switzerland.	50.3
Denmark.	54.9
Sweden and Norway.	38.2
France.	37.0
Germany.	35.9
Netherlands.	32.5
Belgium.	29.3
Austria-Hungary.	17.8
Portugal and Madeira.	14.7
Russia.	14.0
Spain.	10.6
Turkey.	8.0
Roumania.	7.4
Greece.	7.4
Italy.	6.1

The Statesville Landmark says that Thursday Revenue Officers Davis, Kanipe and Sama destroyed two illicit distilleries in New Hope township, one near Grade, and the other near Myers' mill. The one near Grade was not in operation. The other was in full blast and the officers seized 800 gallons of beer, the still fixtures and a two horse wagon and team.

York County Items.

Yorkville Enquirer, 20th.

Cotton seed have been bringing 24 cents a bushel on the local market since last Monday.

A telephone message from Mr. R. B. Riddle, of Zeno, yesterday, informs us that the condition of Mr. George L. Riddle is improving.

Misses Leona, Ruth and Blanche Thomasson, of Belmont, N. C., have returned home after a pleasant visit to their aunt, Miss M. C. Thomasson.

Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Hall, of Bethesda, passed through Yorkville on Thursday morning on their way to Lancaster to visit relatives and friends.

Miss Amanda Clawson returned to Yorkville on Tuesday evening, after spending several days with Mr. C. E. Spencer's family at Blowing Rock, N. C.

Messrs. J. J. Keller & Co. now have the brick work on the graded school building up to the second story joists and expect to finish laying brick within another week.

Rev. J. S. Moffatt writes that Mr. R. A. Lummas, of Snapping Shoals, Ga., has accepted the principalship of the Presbyterian school that is to open at Bethany on October 1. He arrived in Yorkville last Thursday.

A private letter from Mr. George W. Williams, at Pasture Institute, Baltimore, informs his relatives that he will remain in Baltimore for about three weeks. No serious consequences from the dog bite are anticipated.

Mr. John M. Smith, of Clover, sold 25 bushels of home raised onions in Yorkville Thursday afternoon for \$25. There is a market in Yorkville during the year for at least 1,500 or 2,000 bushels, and most of them come from abroad.

General E. M. Law arrived in Yorkville from Bartow, Fla., and will remain until next Monday, when Mrs. Law, who has been spending the past two weeks in Yorkville, will return with him to Bartow. General Law has sold his military school to the state of Florida; but will continue in charge of it for the present.

Mr. John W. Miller, carrier on R. F. D. Route No. 5, out of Yorkville, showed the reporter on Thursday an apple that would likely prove something of a surprise to those people who have an idea that this fruit will not flourish to perfection in York county. The apple came from a tree owned by Mr. John A. Campbell, of Bethel township. It measured 15 inches in circumference, and weighed 18 ounces.

Rev. J. B. Bozeman, formerly pastor of Yorkville, Union and Clover Baptist churches, and who accepted a call from the Second Baptist church at Gaffney last fall, has resigned the latter field and accepted an invitation to take charge of the church at Campbellsville, Ky. His special reason for going to Kentucky is that he may be near the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in which he desires to do some special work.

Hole in Heart Sewed Up.

Richmond News.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 18.—A negro boy, who was stabbed through the heart yesterday afternoon, will live, say the surgeons who late in the night performed a remarkable operation on the patient.

The operation was performed by Dr. L. L. Hill, assisted by Drs. R. S. Hill, Mitchell, Wilkinson, Robinson and Washington. The boy's chest was opened and the heart brought into view. The knife wound was sewed up and the large amount of blood that had poured into the heart sack was taken out.

As soon as the operation was completed the patient, though dying when the operation was begun, immediately showed symptoms of recovery and it is declared that the boy will recover.

Great preparations are being made in Dallas, Texas, for the reception of Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley on Saturday, October 18. One feature of the entertainment is to be a gathering of the school children, every school, public and private, in the State having been invited to join the schools of Dallas in making the day a notable one.

The Boone Democrat says that a few days ago a shotgun cartridge exploded in the hand of the eldest son of Marshall Triplett, of Elk, Watanga county, tearing the hand almost into fragments. The hand was amputated at the wrist.

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Pritchard's Preference.

Statesville Landmark.

Senator Pritchard and Mr. Locke Craig have arranged their dates for a joint canvass of the State. The canvass opens at Kinston on the 22nd and Statesville is on the list for October 8th. Senator Pritchard and Mr. Craig are quite chummy. Personally they seem to be very fond of each other, and they have agreed to conduct a high-toned discussion free from personalities. It is an open secret that Mr. Pritchard's personal liking for Craig is the reason for his selecting him from the half dozen senatorial aspirants as his real competitor. Pritchard, it is said, thinks this canvass will help Craig by giving him prominence and it is further said that the Senator desires, in the event he fails of re-election to the Senate, that Craig shall be his successor.

Henderson's Fall Down.

Yorkville Enquirer.

The reporter asked Congressman Finley yesterday for his view of the fall down of Speaker Henderson in Iowa. "It means," said Mr. Finley, "unless I am very much mistaken, that the trusts which control the Republican party, have all the law they want on the trust question, and they are willing to let the Democrats have the next house in order that there will be no further legislation on the subject. If the Republicans should continue in control of house, senate and presidency, they would have to answer to the people for trust legislation; but as they do not want any trust legislation they are willing to turn the house over to the Democrats, and it will be their policy to prevent anything from being done and try to make the Democrats share the responsibility."

A Want that is Felt.

Durham Sun.

The "fall dinner pail" is credited with having a good deal to do with Republican success in 1900. The "meatless dinner pail," and the "coalless scuttle," may prove a factor in 1902.

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