

NEWS IN BRIEF

Happenings Gleaned From Far and Near

Mrs. Esther McLainey Harwood Bebee, relative of the late President McKinley, who owns a summer home and other valuable property at Elsi, in Burke county, was killed in a runaway Saturday at that place.

Air Ship Line.

The French Aerial League has perfected plans for lines of dirigible balloons from Paris respectively to Nancey, Lyons, Pau and Rouen. Five dirigibles will be employed in this service. All of them will be capable of an average speed of thirty-one miles an hour.

Cholera in Russia.

Petersburg is on the eve of a new epidemic of cholera according to the chief sanitary physician of the city, Dr. Ivanoff. Twelve cases of cholera were reported Monday. These are spread in practically all parts of the city indicating that the infection is general.

American Horses Make Good.

At the International Horse Show held near London, England, last week American horses won high honors and attracted world wide comment. Messrs. E. H. Statesburg, Walter Winnans, and Judge William H. Moore, of New York, were among the winning owners.

Elopes With His Sister.

Last week Joe Davis swore out a warrant for his son, Dill Davis whom he says has eloped with his daughter, Bessie Davis. It seems that in order to create the impression that she had been drowned she went to the creek nearby and left some articles of clothing, but it is believed she and Dill Davis have eloped, and gone to parts unknown.

Later news confirms the above surmises.

Balloons Sailing Southward.

Three of the nine balloons that started from Indianapolis, Indiana, Saturday in the National distance race of the Aero club of America and the endurance test of the Aero club of Indiana, landed Monday, and another, the Indiana, entered in the national race, is reported to have dropped to earth at Shackle Island, Tenn., at 6 o'clock Sunday, taken on water and sailed off south. Two of the balloons, it was reported from Nashville, Tenn., were sighted about fifty miles south of that city.

Niagra Trojedy.

Louis Cohen, of Buffalo, saw his young wife leap into the swirling river between Second and Third Sister Islands at Niagara Falls, Sunday, only 150 feet above the cataract. Without a moment's hesitation he followed and struggled to save her. She probably died in his arms. She was carried away from him and drowned. Cohen was rescued.

Shriners Meet.

The thirty-fifth annual session of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the second ever held in Dixie land, is now in session in Louisville. The city is transformed with color and decoration. Hard and systematic work on the part of Kosair Temple of Louisville, has had the effect of giving the city an expression of hospitality that has never been excelled before in the preparation for a convention.

Scandal in Navy.

The departure of Rear-Admiral Giles B. Harber's squadron for Manila, scheduled for Sunday was delayed owing to the discovery of thefts aboard the Galveston and the Denver, in which the names of two officers and several seamen are involved. Court martials were ordered, brass and other engine room materials aggregated in 2,500 pounds were taken from the ships on decoration day and sold to junk dealers in Yokohama. The value of the material is estimated at \$1,000.

Fight for Freedom.

A desperate battle occurred in the prison at Tiflis, Turkey, Saturday, which ended in eight prisoners and two wardens being killed, and four wardens and two soldiers being mortally wounded. Five convicts who are condemned to death, while being transferred to the death cells, overpowered the wardens, wounding and disarming them. They then ran through the corridor shooting down everyone they encountered. They were finally brought to bay by a detachment of wardens, but refused to surrender, fighting until they were crushed by repeated volleys.

Black's Case Confirmed.

The Supreme court last week handed down a decision sustaining the sentence imposed by the Superior court upon Wiley P. Black, of Asheville, N. C., who was convicted of keeping a disorderly house. He is now serving sentence in the Buncombe county roads.

Oliver Indicted Thursday.

The federal grand jury sitting in Chattanooga, Tenn., last Thursday, re-indicted W. J. Oliver on the charge of violating the national eight hour law. On account of a technicality the former indictment against the contractor was quashed last week.

Attention Veterans!

Round trip tickets can be purchased to the Memphis Reunion via Chattanooga and the N. C. & St. L. Ry., at the rate of about one cent per mile, short line mileage, plus 25c with stopovers at Nashville, and other points. For additional information address W. T. Rogers, T. P. A., N. C. & St. L. Ry.

Presbyterian Meeting Closes.

The fifty-first general assembly of the First Presbyterian church finally closed its session at Knoxville, Tenn., last Thursday. It was decided to return to the old form of ordination. Preachers were instructed by amendments to the church doctrine not to marry persons who have been divorced except on scriptural ground.

Caught in Forgery.

A young man giving his name as G. M. Smith and home as Stony Fork, Wilkes county, was arrested in Greensboro, Friday, morning on the charge of forging a check for \$18 on the South Greensboro bank. Smith at first stoutly denied his guilt, but later made a full confession. In default of a \$250 bond he was locked up. The forged check was drawn on the People's bank of Winston-Salem and was signed by the Globe Veneer company of High Point.

Car Strike in Quaker City.

The attempt of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company to operate its cars Thursday night with strike breakers imported from other cities resulted in the first serious rioting which had occurred since the street car strike began on May 29. In the Kensington district where many mills are located the feeling ran high. Mobs of men, women and children pulled the motormen and conductors from their cars and beat them severely. In many instances cars were set on fire and in other cases thrown across the tracks. The police were powerless to control the angry strike sympathizers.

Rains Work Injury.

Last Wednesday's and Thursday's downpour did considerable damage in Western North Carolina, but was more serious in other parts of the country. The Swannanoa and French Broad rivers were all but out of banks. Trains were delayed by washouts on the Spartanburg Division. In Georgia a cyclone near Sylvania injured many people and destroyed thousands of dollars worth of property.

Judge Connor Speaks Well.

"I want the United States Commissioners throughout this district to understand that they are to stay in their offices and try cases brought before them by the proper officers according to the law and the evidence, and that I will consider it proper cause for removal for any commissioner to in any way participate in gathering evidence or doing anything to influence the bringing of cases into his court," declared Judge H. C. Connor, the newly appointed judge of the United States District and Circuit courts from the bench in Raleigh last Thursday.

Protest Against Pulp Protection.

Protest against the action of the senate finance committee in deciding to recommend an increase of the rates on pulp and paper as fixed by the house bill, without giving the publishers of the country a hearing or accepting as evidence certain detailed cost reports from American mills, John Norris, speaking for the press of the United States, as chairman of the committee on paper of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, has written a letter to Senator Aldrich, formally renewing his application of a hearing.

Philadelphia Strike Settled.

The employes of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company late Friday voted to accept the proposition made by the company which had been submitted to them earlier in the evening by the sub-committee appointed to confer with the traction officials.

Denied Liberty or Death.

Albert T. Patrick's appeal for liberty or death was denied by the appellate division of the Supreme court in Brooklyn Friday. Patrick had appealed to that court for hearing on a writ of habeas corpus which he had obtained from an individual justice of the Supreme court ordering the prosecuting officers to show cause why he should not be released from prison or put to death for the murder of William Marsh Rice.

DEMOCRATS AND LUMBER.

Congressman Cowles Has a Few Words on the Subject.

The letter of Congressman Chas. H. Cowles which appeared in last week's "Union Republican" is too good to pass unnoticed. It gets better with every sentence and the last one knocks the bull's eye in the center. The letter follows:

Mr. Editor:—In the Charlotte Observer of the 22nd instant and the News and Observer of the 23rd appeared an article entitled "The Lumber Industry of North Carolina in Detail," bearing the signature of Z. W. Whitehead, Editor Southern Lumber Journal. It purports to be a defense of the six North Carolina Democratic Congressmen who cast Republican votes in the House of Representatives on the lumber schedule of the Payne tariff bill. Following is the first paragraph of the article to which I refer:

"I have observed with more or less surprise the disposition of two or three papers in this State to unfavorably criticize the vote of Congressmen Small, Thomas, Poul, Goodwin, Page and Webb, for opposing free lumber in the Payne tariff bill and supporting a one dollar duty in favor of this great Southern product. As a matter of fact, it has been said that the failure of Congress to put lumber on the free list can be ascribed to the action of the six Democratic Congressmen from North Carolina, as named above, when that question was up before the House several days ago. If this be true, then not only the present, but generations yet unborn will rise up and call their names blessed, for at the hands of the good people of North Carolina have they richly earned the plaudit, Well done, good and faithful servants."

The writer of the above paragraph is either grossly ignorant of the facts with which he attempts to deal or else he has wilfully misrepresented the matter and presumes upon the ignorance of the North Carolina reading public. In the first place "free lumber" was not incorporated in the Payne bill, but on the contrary the Payne bill carried a duty on lumber of all grades amounting to 50 per cent of the rates now in force under the Dingley act. Representative Champ Clark (Democratic Leader) and DeArmond, both of Missouri, offered amendments putting lumber on the free list in fulfillment of the promises contained in the last Democratic National platform and it was against these amendments that the six North Carolina Democrats voted, in voting for the schedule in the Payne bill and against the amendment offered by their leader they deserted the faith and promises of their party and voted with the Republicans for the interest of North Carolina and the Southland. In the second place the six Democratic Congressmen are entitled to the credit of casting six votes against their party's faith and promises and for a duty on lumber, and no more. It was the united action of twenty-four Republican Congressmen among whom are Representatives Grant, Morehead and Cowles which saved the day for lumber, and this fact cannot be controverted.

If as Mr. Whitehead says: "Not only the present but generations yet unborn will rise up and call their (the six Democratic Congressmen) names blessed, for at the hands of the good people of North Carolina they had richly earned the plaudit, 'Well done, good and faithful servants,' and all because they voted with the Republicans, what sentence will he and the people pass upon Senator Lee Overman who on yesterday voted for the amendment offered by Senator Johnson, of Alabama, a Democrat, of course, which provided that all grades of lumber and all kinds of building material be placed upon the free list. Just thirteen Democrats voted for the amendment. Unlucky thirteen!"

But why this agitation for free lumber? Isn't the Democratic party directly responsible for it? A plank in their last National platform declared

in favor of free lumber, wood pulp, etc. Does not, then, the blame for the agitation attach to the Democratic party?

My dear Mr. Whitehead, do not lose sight of the fact that the six North Carolina Democratic Congressmen voted two ways on the lumber schedule. They first voted for the lumber schedule in the Payne bill, for which you applaud them, and then they voted against it. Like the cow that gave the good bucket of milk and kicked it over the did a patriotic act and then went Democratic.

Respectfully yours,
CHAS. H. COWLES.

SOME TARIFF POINTERS.

Opinions of Leading Journals Regarding Pending Measures.

"Come on in, Boys."

From the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle: "Come on in, boys, the water's fine," says Senator McEnery in effect in announcing his support of the protective policy and urging his Democratic colleagues to join him. But the invitation was hardly necessary in view of the stand taken by a majority of the Democrats on the important schedules.

The Income Tax.

From the Buffalo Express: It would be difficult to frame a constitutional income tax, and there would be further objection that the government would be encroaching upon the powers already exercised, in part to make the states. But if Senators are bound to make another trial of the income tax, there is no reason why they should insist on making it delay indefinitely a settlement of the tariff fight and thus retard the revival of business.

Belated Doctrine.

From Richmond Times Dispatch: The time for party leaders to express themselves about a platform is when their views can bear some fruit, not long after the harvest is gathered. The Democratic party is falling apart for lack of leadership which can dominate lay down doctrine and whip scattered elements together again under a common standard. Leadership which discovers doctrine a year too late is of no use to anyone.

How?

From the Philadelphia Press: Democratic talk about a reduction of the tariff becomes ridiculous when a majority of the Democratic Senators vote for duties on free raw materials and refuse to accept the Denver platform. How can Governor Johnson go on urging that his party would reduce the tariff, if in power, when Senator Bailey and his associates flatly refuse so to vote on the very raw materials the Denver National Democratic platform demanded should be free?

Question of Revenue.

From the Washington Star: By December we should know by experience what sort of revenue producer the new law is and whether more money is necessary. The country has expressed no desire for an income tax in itself. In many quarters there is a strong opposition to the proposition. But the country wants the government generously supported; and if an income tax, or an inheritance tax, or some other such tax should be necessary as an addition to the revenue derived from customs for the government's support, why, it should be levied, and Congress, presumably, will do its duty.

Platform Promises.

From the Springfield Republican: The Denver platform "demanded," among other things: "The immediate repeal of the tariff on pulp, lumber, timber and logs." But seventeen Democratic Senators vote against the repeal and defy high Olympus to chastise them. One can not but remember Herman Ridder, who supported Mr. Bryan, and whose family contributed many thousands of dollars to his campaign fund, because of the Denver plank. Senator Bacon's remark about platforms is more pertinent than ever. "They are made in a hurry, generally late at night and mean nothing."

A Southern View.

From the Nashville Banner: Intelligent and thoughtful Democrats of the South have understood for years that "a tariff for revenue to meet the expenses of the government economically administered" and to which the Democratic party stands committed, calls for a certain degree of protection to the raw material or manufactured products upon which the tariff is levied and they would be little less than foolish to commend a "revenue tariff" levied mainly upon products of the North, South and West which would afford protection to those sections, while the raw material and products of the South were forced into competition with the raw material and products of Canada and Europe that come free of duty.

Never Overlooked.

"How's collections at your church, Brother Shina?" "Well, we ain't member had to stop in the middle of a collection to go an' empty the box."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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