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LETTER FROM HARDEE.

From North Carolina.

Says People in that Section is Much | Makes a Good Speech and His Interested in Coming Political Campaign.

Ft. Pierce (Fla.) News.

Hendersonville. N C., Oct. 16, 1904. It is three weeks today since I left home, but as the county papers reach me regu-larly, am at least in touch with the progress that is continuously going on in Brevard cou ty, and while I feel that I would like very much to be there in person, it is a source of pleasure to know that there is a place like Hendersonville, N. C., where the Floridian, who has gone through se many baimy months of sunshine, and who has been actively engaged in the labors of harvesting the luscious fruits of our semitropical country, can come to, to get that chauge of air, scenery and eatables that are necessary to maintain that equilibrium of health and strength that is so desirable. A change of residence is as neces-

for the past two nights we have had heavy veins the warm blood to meet with joy the

the good people of North Carolina plause. more excited over matters political than we of Florida get, for while the state is (since the wild and woolly reign of popuiism) safely in the democratic ranks, Henderson county is republican by about .200 maj city, but there is a well founded hope that it will get into the proper line of thought before long, even if it is necessary to bring en ugh "unterrified democrats" fr in Florida to rescue it from the error of is way, for "while the light holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return." It may be strange to some, when I say that while I am over forty years old, and raised entirely in the south, that I never heard a republican candidate for governor make public speech, until a few weeks ago, when Mr. Harris, republican candidate for govergor of the grand old state of North Carolina addressed the people of Hendersonville, and it did burt my feelings to see such a fine man in such bad company as "Teddy and Booker Washington;" my only consolation was, that if he was elected he would refuse to eat with them; but as the democrats have made such a magnificent showing in all matters affecting the progress of the state during Governor Aycock's four year's administration, there is no danger of Mr Harris being humiliated by an invitation to dine with the color party.

As is probably known, the pegro is eliminsted from politics here by constitutional amendment, a step which was necessary to insure white supremacy in affairs affecting the welfare a d safety of the ship of state, and while it is threatened to cut off representation in congress on this account. the people of North Carolina who have the interest of the state and its citizens at heart, would willingly lose his rather than return to the days and methods which made the constitutional amendment necessary, and of which there would be no doubt, were the negro again given political privileges for which he is so little qualified.

I did not intend touch on matters polititention as an observer, and also from the and Mr. Morgan in an office of an agreefact that my mother and father's people ment," were North Carolinians, although I have never lived in the state only for a few months at a time, for the purpose of drawing strength from her pure mountain air and to admire her magnificent scenery, from which I have returned to our own beauti- es of the other geutlemen were interesting. ful Florida with the resolve to repeat the rip each year at the close of the summer's labor, for while most of our people leave Florida in summer for the mountains, there is no time when the sojourner from Florida can get the best results of the mountain climate and scenery like the months of September and October, when jack frost has touched the mountain foliage with his chill and transformed the green leaves to a "Jacob's coat of many colors," and ladened the atmosphere with a snap that makes a Floridian feel like a "two-year old."

W. H. HARDEE.

Pineapple Grower Writes The Governor of North Carolina in Baltimore.

HAVING FROST IN MOUNTAINS. HALL FILLED TO OVERFLOWING.

AN OVATION TO AYCOCK.

Audience Would Hear More of It-Other Speeches.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 4. - At the final grand democratic rally held here in Lyric Hall tonight Governor Charles B. Aycock, of North Carolina, was given a royal welcome and a most cordial reception. Several thousand men and women attended the meeting and everybody seemed to be bubbling over with enthusiasm. Governor Avcock was the principal speaker of the occasion. He appeared first and was followed by Senator Arthur Pue Gorman, who was given quite an ovario. Other speakers were William H. Pige, of New Yrk, John Temple Graves, of Georgia, and John P. Poe, of Maryland. Lyric Hall will seat about 5,000 people and it was almost full sary for the well as for the sick, and from lonight. Alth aigh the speaking did not the am unt of coal and the size of the wood begin until 8 o'clack, the crowd began to piles that I see being piled in the back- assemble much earlier. Among the first to vards and in the cellars in Hendersonville, arrive were a number of well dressed, pretit would be well if a great many North ty women, who, with their gentlemen escarolloians would wend their way to our corts, occupied boxes From the way they a d let us give them a taste of our perpetual | that they were from North Carolina. Several hundred women sat through the entire Just at this time no one could wish for | meeting. Uniformed policemen acted as more perfect weather, or a more beautiful ushers and stood r ady to keep down any history. country than we are enjoying, although, disturbance. A good band made stirring music while the crowd was gathering. One fr sts, which would be regarded in Florida young musician treated the audience to a as a severe spell f weather. One does not cornet solo. As the clock a ruck 8 the disfeel the bite of jack frost as keenly here as | tinguished party of democrats came in, lead in Fiorida, as the atmosphere is dry and by Mr. Murray Vandiver, chairman of the bracing, and ature seems to put into our democratic executive committee of Maryland, and Mr. J hn P. Poe Governo Aycots to se that fills the atmosphere, and pre- cock and Senater Gorman marched in side pare the system to withstand the severe cold by side. When the Tar Heet orator show-

> Some fellow, who evidently knew Governor Aycock, velled "Hurrah for Charles Aycock." The cry made me feel like I was down in the old North State. But the sight of the great Maryland leader, Senator Gorman, fired the crowd to wild enti-usias m. Men jumped upon their chairs and shouted "Gorman," and waived bandkerchiefs, The whole house seemed to be in a tumultuous uproar. The demonstration lasted f r five

ed himself there was an thurst of ap

Mr. Poe, who presided over the meeting read out the names of the speakers and made a short speech, in which he called the name of Cleveland and caused another wild

outburst of applause. At the conclusion of his remarks Mr. Poe introduced Governor Aycock. Again the shouting broke out. The ovation was genuine. The North Carolinians who live here were in the audience and they are proud of their governor Governor Aycock spoke well. He had prepared a good speech for the occasion at d got it off in an attractive way. He did not speak longer than thirty minutes and when he quit the crowd hollered, "Go on, go on." His anecdotes took well. I have never seen an audience laugh more heartily than the one

at Lyric Hall tonight. Parker would answer President Roosevelt to the satisfaction of the American people. This assurance from the source that it came caused those who heard it to give a sigh of have wondered if Judge Parker could sus- white men and women. If Booker Wash speak with authority. "The circumstan tial evidence," declared Mr. Gorman, "18 are called, were against Roosevelt, but they gro patronage boss' for Alabama. He

and Mr. Courtelyou is convincing. Mr Gorman's words made a good impression, the truth." He is nothing of an orator but has the habit of thinking before he speaks. The speech-H. E. C. BRYANT.

of the Tenth District.

The annual gathering of Pythians of the tenth district will occur in Brevard Thursday and Friday, December 8 and 9. A public meeting will be held in the court house on Thursday night, when the address

of welcome will be delivered by H. B. H. A. LATHAM DIES FROM Brunot, Esq., treasurer of the Toxaway company, M. W. Bell, Esq., of Murphy. will respond. Following this Grand Chancellor Rebertson, of Wilmington, and Vice-Chancellor Barnard, of Asheville, will deliver addresses. A banquet will be ten-

dered to the visitors at the Ethelwold. On Friday morning Past Grand Chancellor Lyles will conduct a "school of instruction" and other important addresses will follow.

It is expected that there will be a very large attendance. The local lodge has kindly offered to entertain all visiting knights without cost.

At the meeting of the Pisgah lodge held last night J. W. Reiber was elected to re present that lodge, and at the last meeting of Asheville lodge Dr. E. L. Hunt was elected representative. The members of the newly instituted Uniform rank expect to attend and give a parade and dril exercises, -Gazette-News.

WATSON BEHIND TIME.

The Populist Presidential Candi date Late in Finding That Butler is Devoid of Priuciple.

To the Editor of The Observer: It seems that the Hon. Tom Watson just finding out that Marion Butler "is entirely devoid of principle," politically; for he so said of him the other day. Indeed, ves, Mr. Marion Butler was the smoothes politicians who ever stepped out on the political carpet of North Carolina, always Southside avenue. Mr. Latham, standing smart and advoit and smooth and clever, on the platform and not expecting the he is just as much so as ever Of course one only refers to Mr. Butler as a public ment as the trolly lurched and struck on man; with Mr. Butler as a citizen we have nothing to do. His career and achievements should certainly be written down in to the Biltmore terminus of the line and

Our own township (Lincoln county) has recently voted to tax itself to maintain a graded school for about eight months in the year, or with quite a number of counties. The vote for it was practically unanimous. This is a good movement, as anything always looking toward the better education of the poorer classes. I am always glad of trying to perform a duty toward those who need it so much The educational era is well on.

I am very giad toat the prospects for a large vote for the state democratic ticket this morning when he peacefully entered are so bright. We always have good men to vote for, and certainly in Glenn and the balance of them, there is no exception this vote year. We should at least make the majority this time 60,000.

I think the movement looking to a monument for Gen. Ransom a good and a timely one. His was a career such as needs and ought to be preserved and unmantled in bronze or marble. Without question, like Vance-if in a different way-he was one among North Carolina's great men. It not doubted but that the monument will go up; and I think most of the people will go WM. SHERIRILL. in for it.

AFTER BOOKER WASHINGTON

Denver, N. C.

Congressmen Heffin Renews His Attack, Saying Washington is in Politics and Wants Social Egality.

Mobile, Ala., Nov. 5 .- In a speech de livered at New Site, Ala., last night, Congreseman T. Thomas Heffin paid his respects Mr. Gorman said in his speech that Judge to Booker Washington as follows: "The Killed Wife's insulter, but Found not example of social equality set by Mr. Roosevelt when he dined with Booker Washington put vicious notions in the negro's head and has had a dangerous influence with relief, for the one topic of conversation many members of that race. Booker Washhere today has been the Roosevelt letter ington is setting a bad example by going to and the demand for proof. The people banquets in the North and dining with tain the charges Mr. Gorman seemed to ington did not believe in social equality he would not do as he is doing in this respect. That negro is in politics and we have a few sufficient to convict. All the captains of white men in Alabama who puppy around industry, as heads of the great combines him to get a job. He may enjoy being 'neare with him now. No one has denied that making a mistake. He is destroying his Mr. Cornelius Bluss, the treasurer of the usefulness; his head is turned; he is a changrepublican executive committee, met so ne ed negro, he is nothing like he was five from Florida that it has engaged my st. time ago with such men as Mr. Harriman years ago. The mantle that under recent conditions, been thrown aside, and the real Booker is seen as he really is. Against Yes, the evidence against the president the practices of Booker Washington, plain talk is necessary. The negro must be told

Not A Sick Day Since,

trouble. I tried all sorts of medicines, none of which relieved me. One day I saw an ad. of your Electric Bitters and N. C., writes. Only 50c, at all Druggists.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure Digests what you cat

STREET CAR INJURIES.

Was Thrown From-Biltmore Car and Received Fracture of Skull that Caused Death this Morning --- Well Known Citizen.

H A. Latham, retail salesman of the Asheville Ice and Coal company, died this morning at 8:30 o'clock at his home in South Biltmore as the result of injuries sustained yesterday afternoon by being thrown from a street car on the Biltmore line of the Asheville Street Railroad Co.

Mr. Latham boarded the 6:30 o'clock car at the square yesterday afternoon bound for his home in Biltmore. He had made several purchases during the day and carried in his arms these packages. Instead of entering the car with the bu dles Mr. Latham st. od upon the front platform and the left hand side of the car. At what is known as the Goodlake curve, or where the depot car turns into Southside avenue, there is a spring switch that is always set to allow the Biltmore car to pass, but which must be turned in order to let the depot car follow the track in Southside avenue. This switch had either been tampered with yesterday afternoon or else gravel or pebbles had gotten into the groove and did not permit the perfect working of the to gue and when the Biltmore car started over the switch the car wheels instead of following the Biltmore track turned suddenly into car to turn, was thrown to the brick pavethe back of his head. He was rendered unconcious by the fall and was taken on thence taken to his home in a carriage. At first it was thought that he had simply been stunned and that the injury would not amount to much. Physicians were summoned however, and examination of the wound revealed the fact that Mr. Latham had suffered a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain and it was realized that he could not long survive. Everything was done for the injured man that human skill could devise but after lingering during the night the feeble spark flickered and went out about cock-crow

the last sleep. The news of Mr. Latham's sudden and tragic death will come as a severe shock to his host of frierds in Asheville and elsewhere in North Carolina. He had been a resident of Asheville for a long number of years and was well known in the commercial life of the city. For number of years he conducted a newspaper in eastern Carolina and at the time of his death was Asheville correspondent for several reputable journals, For the past three years he had been in the employ of the Asheville Ice and Coal company and of him H. T. Collins, president of the company, said: "Mr. Latham's death is very, very sad. He was a wholesouled fellow and one of the most conscientious men I ever met. He was a fine man and

too much praise cannot be accorded him." Mr. Latham was married to Miss Ella Reed, daughter of Marcus L. Reed, several years ago. The widow survives.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed, waiting the arrival of relatives of the deceased from the eastern portion of the state. - Gazette-News, Nov. 81.

Guilty,

Augusta, Ga, Nov. 5 .- H. B. Chapman was to-night found not guilty of murder. On October 14 Chapman shot and killed H. A. Videtto in the latter's store for alleged improper proposals to his wife. In the trial self-defense was set up. Some of the most noted legal talent in the State was employed, including the attorney general of Fulton county. Charles Hill, and former State's Attorney General, Boykin Wright. The case has occupied three days. The jury was out 18 minutes.

Observer.

We now expect to issue an edition of or Russia, according to the present assault 20,000 copies of the News and Observer succeeds or fails. The war office is trying on Thanksgiving day. Advertisers will take notice and govern themselves ac-cordingly. This paper will be edited and the reading matter all arranged by the women of North Carolina. It will "I was taken severely sick with kidney of a permanent file. All the great and good things which have been accomplished by North Carolina women will face of the gloomy reports direct from To-PYTHIAN KNIGHTS TO

MEET AT BREVARD.

Saw an ad. of your Electric Bitters and determined to try that. After taking a few doses I felt relieved, and soon thereafter was entirely cured, and have not seen a sick day since. Neighbors of mine have been cured of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Liver and Kidney troubles and General Debility." This is what B. F. Bass, of in the schools as an educator, as a writer, a philanthropist. Woman in the clubs and in society, indeed woman in every place of human endeavor will be presented on this glad Thanksgiving occasion .- News and Observer.

WAR PROGRESSINGS LOWLY

Past Week.

STAND

Looking For Some Paint To make Successful Strike. Monday.

Dispatches from Manchuria today indiated that a battle is imminent. A significant movement of Japanese troops to the eastward is reported, and a heavy artillery fire is being directed by the Japanese against es from Chefoo describe desperate and continuous fighting at Port Arthur, but beyond the general statement that the beseigers have occupied a number of positions, no details of the progress of the attack are given.

our this morning there has been a heavy combardment of Poudiloff (Lone Tree hill) by the Japanese. Large masses of Japanese were moving eastward duringOctober 29 and

The Japanese have occupied a rocky pronontory south of Sindianpu and also the hills southeast of Loutiatze. The positions along their line are strongly fortified with redoubts, wire entanglements, ditches and pitfalls, and also mines in some place. The fortifications are arranged in double tiers. The positions, especially on the plain, are brough telescopes, the Russians observed a novement of the Japanese eastward and judging by the dust, it must have been a heavy force.

Tuesday.

Che Foo, Nov. 1 .- (11 p. m.) -The neagre additional details reaching Che Foo concerning the last general assault on Port Artbur which began in a preliminary way on October 26 and later developed into the third attempt of the Japanese to secure a of October 26 had daringly entrenched them selves on the slope of Rihlung mountain. forced their way further and drove the Russians from their last trench before that fortification. The Russians retreated from their trenches to the other side of the moun-

It is alleged that the Japanese might have entered the fortification but that they refrained from doing so as it would obviously be impossible for them to hold the position in the face of the fire, which would be sure to be directed against them from other forts. It seems to be the intention of the Japanese to enter several co-operative forts simultaneously or not at all. The Japanese have found it impossible to remain in any solitary fortification while the other big forts were able to concentrate a fire upon

The Japanese also have advanced somewhat closer to Itz mountain, having occupposition above the cremation works. On the night of October 30 the Japanese flag was seen flying over two new positions, the names of which are not known to the informant of the Associated Press correspondent. Wednesday.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 2.-The official re-

ports from Tokio describing the desperate assaults on Port Arthur, beginning October 26, have created visible depression at the war office. The sustained character of the bombardment with siege guns and the advance by underground mines, but above all, the fact that the Japaneses government after weeks of silence regarding the operations of the besiegers have given out these reports before actual success has crowned their effocts, convince the military authorities that after long preparations General Nogi is not only making a supreme effort to carry the fortress but feels so confident of success that the results of the preliminary operations has been made public. They believe the assault was timed for the announcement of the fall of the fortress to be made upon the birthday of the Mikado, tomorrow, which by a strange coincidence is the tenth anniversary of the accession of Emperor Nicholas and a great Russian holiday. Tomorrow there is expected to be marked by fate for a day of immense rejoicing either for Japan to buoy up the Russian hopes with references to the long and successful defense Lieutenant Gen. Stoessel has thus far conducted, but the character of the present attempt upon the fortress is evidently so determined that the authorities admit they would not be surprised if the end was at had. In the face of the gloomy reports direct from Tokie, the Invalid Russ, the army organ, today annouces that the storming operations ended with the repulse of the Japanese on Monday but the paper fails to give its authority for this important statement. No official report warranting it has been received by the war office.

Detailed reports of the position indicate that | concluded.

the prolonged attack is nearing its end and that the Japanese are now entering upon the last stage of the memorable siege. For the Few Interestring Development the first time the Associated Press correspond. ent with General Nogi's army has been permitted to send dispatches direct from Port Arthur, and these show that practically all the outlying defenses are in the hands of the Japanese, who are sanguine of immediate victory. The armies of Oyams and Kuropatkin still confront each other along the Shake river, inactive, except for skirmishes and artillery exchanges.

Che Foo, November 3, 4:80 p. m. -Port Arthur is doomed. The correspondent of the Associated Press here has received information, the reliability of which is beyoud question, that the Japanese now occupy positions which place the east side of the Russians on Long three hill. Dispatch- the town at their mercy. The last assault has gained important positions which insure their ability to enter the main east forts whenever they are ready.

The Japanese calculate that if the Russians do not surrender now, they will be capable of prolonging the fighting by mak-Mukden, October 31. - From an early ing their final stand at Leiti promontory and Tigers Tail for a month longer with the mere hope of continuing the struggle.

Long before the second Pacific squandron arrives in the Pacific, the Japanese flag, it is now believed, will wave over the wrecked citadel.

This will end Viceroy Alexieff's dream of an unconquerable city. The Japanese have not occupied the main forts and highest points of the east hills, but they occupied in overwhelming numbers positions which will enable them to drive the Russians back whenever they desire.

ridge they will completely dominate the Russian forts with their artillery.

London, November 3.- dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg, says Lieutenant Stoessel, commander of the Russian troops at Port Arthur, is reported to be wounded in the leg.

Friday Dispatches from Che Foo say that reports reach there to the effect that the Japanese commanding position, say that on the night are pressing the attack on Port Arthur. Batches of wounded are passing through Dalny and fresh troops are constantly going to the front. The same dispatches say that there are rumors that more important positions have fallen but these lack verification. Skirmishes and artillery firing continue along the Jhakhe river, where Oyama and Kuropatkin face each other and both armies are reported as strenghthening their en trenchments.

> Che Foo, Nov. 4.-Information has been brought by the Chinese that the six days of bombardment and desperate efforts of the beseigers to take the fortress at Port Arthur ceased Wednesday. The Japanese took fort No. 3, but were unable to hold it. The Japanese losses are reported to be enorm-

Patriot Sons Claim Noble Fathers Living.

Raleigh, N. C., November 5 .- (Special.) The inquiry as to whether any man was living in this state who had sons in the Confederate army is eliciting replies which are in some cases, of an astonishing character,

A letter from Hillsboro states that James D. Daniel, of Orange county, now 97 years old, had five sons in the Confederate army; that three of these, John, Leonard and Drewry, are now living.

In the same township W. G. Wright is still living, 88 years of age, and his son, J. B. Wright, was in the confederate army and is still alive. At the soldiers' home, one of the inmates named Bunn, served in the same company with his two sons.

Answers are yet coming in and it is expected that there will be some remarkable reports from the extreme western part of the state. In one of the counties there, a father and seven sons were in the army, it is said. It is not known whether he is yet

who served in the Indian war of 1837, the war with Mexico and the civil war, and who never received a wound in all that time. He is 98 years old and is very active indeed and interested in ever He keeps closely up with the news of the Russo-Japanese war.

A Second Conference Proposed

In a circular note, Secretary Hay has o rights and duties of neutrals, the bility of private property in naval war and the bombardment of ports by naval forces, but goes further by practically en-dorsing the project of a general system of arbitration treaties.

The issue of the call while the present war is in progress is justified by the fac t that the first Hague conference was called The fall of Port Arthur seems imminent. before our treaty of peace with Spain was