

874 TIMES ACROSS CONTINENT.

Pullman Conductor Has Record For Long Distance Travel.

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Mr. Johnston entered this service on November 11, 1899, and has just finished his eight hundred and seventy-fourth trip for a total of 3,171,746 miles.

Mr. Cooper's Statement.

The Journal today gladly gives space to the statement by Hon. Robert A. Cooper, of Laurens, as to why he entered the race for governor.

But after a careful reading of the statement we are unable to find in it any reason why Governor Manning should be defeated and Mr. Cooper elected in his place.

The Journal has very great admiration and respect for Mr. Cooper but feels that the people of the State owe it to themselves to reelect Governor Manning and there is nothing in the statement issued by Mr. Cooper to change one's views.

An Essay on Editors.

A country school boy was told to write an essay on editors and this is the result:

"Don't know how newspapers came to be in the world. I don't think the Good Lord does, for He ain't got nothing to say about an editor in the Bible."

"When the editor makes a mistake there is big swearing and big fuss, but if a doctor makes a mistake there is a funeral, cut flowers and perfect silence."

"A doctor can use a word a yard long without anybody knowing what it is, but if an editor uses one he has to spell it."

"If a doctor goes to see another man's wife he charges for the visit; but if the editor goes he gets a charge of buck shot."

"Any old college can make a doctor, but an editor has to be born."—Exchange.

A DEMON OF THE AIR.

"Dash to Death" of France Has Had Many Narrow Escapes.

Sub-Lieut. Nungesser, of the French aviation corps, brought down his tenth enemy aeroplane today, says a Paris dispatch of Tuesday.

He was a cavalryman in the Second Hussars when he started his career, and the war was not a month old before he distinguished himself.

His squadron was cut off and surrounded in the retreat from Charleroi. The troop commander was lying helpless, badly wounded. Nungesser bore him to shelter.

Nungesser was subsequently promoted to quartermaster, awarded the military medal, and permanently appointed army chauffeur.

Between April and August, 1915, he took part in 53 bombing expeditions, three of which secured him fresh mentions in dispatches.

A sideslip at Bue, however, when trying a new type of machine, almost cost him his life. He was picked up for dead, with a fractured skull, a broken jaw, nearly all his ribs broken, the muscles of the legs torn away.

After this he was allowed to have his own way. He could scarcely talk owing to the necessity of binding up his jaw, his head was swathed in bandages, he had to be lifted in and out of his aeroplane, but he was a perfect demon aloft.

This was at the end of March and the beginning of April last. On April 25, he engaged single-handed three Fokkers, brought down one and gave the others a severe mauling.

They were unable to fire, for fear of hitting one another, whereas he pounded them hard until he had not a shot left, then by masterly airmanship he showed them a clean pair of heels.

The storm of shells missed him all the same and he made home safely. One shot had gone through his helmet and grazed the top of his head, another had carried away the heel of the slipper, 27 had struck the plane and done various kinds of damage, without counting those in the engine.

Her Proof.

The reading class was in session and the word "furlough" occurred, Miss Jones, the teacher, asked if any little girl or boy knew the meaning of the word.

"Furlough means a mule," said the child.

"Oh, no, it doesn't," said the teacher.

"Yes, ma'am," insisted the little girl. "I have the book at home that says so."

Miss Jones told the child to bring the book to school. The next morning the child came armed with a book and triumphantly showed a picture of an American soldier riding a mule, under which was the caption: "Going home on his furlough."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

MANNING STRONG IN PIEDMONT.

Prominent Farmer Says Governor is Gaining Strength Daily.

Columbia, S. C., August 22.—"I am satisfied that those persons now claiming that Governor Manning is weak in the Piedmont will be greatly surprised at his strength when the vote is counted," said Mr. D. A. Geer, a large farmer and merchant of Belton, in reference to the political situation in the Piedmont, with especial reference to the reports that have been sent out that Manning has lost ground in that section of the State.

"I firmly believe that Governor Manning's strength in this section of the State is growing daily regardless of wild claims to the contrary," said Mr. Geer. "At no time has his chances for reelection been brighter. Should he not be nominated in the first primary over all his opponents I am satisfied that he will repeat his splendid victory of two years ago when he defeated Mr. Richards by an overwhelming majority in the second primary."

Mr. Geer has large farming interests in the Piedmont section of the State, and has a wide acquaintance. His knowledge of the political situation comes from intimate touch with the people and he is a man of such high standing that no one would question the truthfulness of his statement.

Mr. Geer's statement in reference to the political situation in the Piedmont follows in full:

"Being in intimate touch with the political situation in the Piedmont, I firmly believe that Governor Manning's strength in this section of the State is growing daily regardless of wild claims to the contrary. At no time has his chance for reelection been brighter. Should he not be nominated in the first primary over all his competitors, I am satisfied that he will repeat his splendid victory of two years ago when he defeated Mr. Richards by an overwhelming majority, in the second primary. So far as my own county, Anderson, is concerned, I believe he will run a strong second in the first primary. The other Piedmont counties will give him a surprisingly large vote and I am satisfied that those persons now claiming that Governor Manning is weak in the Piedmont will be greatly surprised at his strength when the vote is counted. Why shouldn't he run strong in the Piedmont? He has certainly proven himself worthy."

"Governor Manning's hard but unceasing fight for law and order and his success in restoring confidence in the forces making for civic righteousness in South Carolina, his earnest advocacy of social and industrial justice, his successful efforts for better educational facilities for the white boys and girls of the State, the economic measures passed under his administration for improving the conditions surrounding our rural population, and the reorganization of the State Hospital for the Insane with its modern, improved methods of treatment for the unfortunate inmates and the large saving in dollars and cents as a result of the economies practiced there by the new administration, have caused me to give my undivided support to Governor Manning. I believe that the majority of the people of South Carolina agree with me that his progressive administration should be continued so that the great work that he has so well begun for law, order, education, and humanity shall be carried forward by him to a successful conclusion."

Gaining Strength in Pee Dee.

Columbia, S. C., August 22.—"He deserves to be our next governor and I feel sure that Darlington and the Pee Dee section will do their part to reelect him," said Mr. David R. Coker in discussing the prospects for the reelection of Governor Manning. "Many who voted for other candidates two years ago feel that they should show their approval of Mr. Manning's administration and their gratitude to him for his progressive, humane and business-like course as governor," continued Mr. Coker.

Mr. Coker, it will be remembered, two years ago gave his support to Mr. Cooper in an effort to defeat Mr. Richards. The work of Mr. Coker at that time was largely responsible for the large vote polled by Mr. Cooper in the Pee Dee section of the State.

He speaks enthusiastically at this time in reference to the reelection of Governor Manning. His statement to the press follows in full:

"After talking with many representative men during the past ten days, I am convinced that R. I. Manning will get a big vote from Darlington county in the first primary—possibly a majority of the total vote. Many who voted for other candidates two years ago feel that they ought to show their approval of Mr. Manning's administration and their gratitude to him for his progressive, humane and business-like course as governor."

"Mr. Manning not only promised

to check blind tigerism, race track gambling and general lawlessness, but has demonstrated his ability to do so. He not only deplored the lack of law enforcement and the contempt for law formerly prevalent, but has shown that he can enforce the law and command respect for it. He not only expressed his sympathy for the unfortunate insane but has reorganized the institution for their care and placed it on a par with the best of its kind. His administration has been efficient, economical and clean. He deserves to be our next governor and I feel sure Darlington and the Pee Dee section will do their part to reelect him."

Mr. Coker is a business man and farmer of large acquaintance throughout the State and any statement he makes on the political situation is accepted as being a fair statement of conditions.

Successful.

Little four-year-old Henrietta stood watching the cook draw and clean a chicken. As one thing after another was drawn out and laid on the table, Henrietta looked up in the cook's face and said: "Did you find what you were looking for, Norah?"

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