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WEIGH THE CHANCES

The Condition of Things in Hon. W. L. Wilson's District.

ELEMENTS OF DOUBT AS TO VICTORY.

The Forces of the Great Tariff Reformer Openly and Pupily Displayed. While the Republicans Work Calm but Telling Zeal.

PIEDMONT, W. Va., October 23.—The political situation in Congressman William L. Wilson's district may be summarized from an independent and non-partisan point of view about as follows: The democratic vote of the district is active, loyal and enthusiastic. The agriculturists, who are almost, if not completely, in the majority, are more frantic for his re-election than ever before. Far from being dissatisfied with the half-hearted tariff bill given them they accept it with good grace, praise Wilson in one breath and berate the senate in the other, and clamor for Wilson to return to Washington and continue the crusade for lower duties.

Will Pull the Cavalry Out. The rank and file of the industrial class of democrats, while not so enthusiastic over the coal and lumber schedules, are not disposed to question his position to the point of voting against him.

On the other hand, there are many grave elements of doubt as to his victory. The shrewd managers who are pulling the wires for Mr. Wilson are not blinded into a complete state of satisfaction by the favorable demonstrations which were made toward him. They realize that while the full democratic vote has doubtless turned out to do him honor, and while everything has therefore appeared to be democratic in the counties through which he has passed, the republican constituency has had no favorable opportunity to exhibit its strength in a similar manner.

IMPORTANT PENSION RULING.

Edict Upon the Determination of Commencement of Service.

WASHINGTON, October 23.—Assistant Secretary of the Interior Reynolds has made a ruling holding that section 4701, Revised Statutes, limits the legal termination of service in any pension case to either one or only two possible dates. These are the date of actual discharge for any other cause than expiration of the term of service of organization and the date of disbandment of the organization because of the expiration of the term of service. It is held that a determination of the commencement of service by the war department from its records, after full consideration of the law and the facts, in any claim based upon service during or since the war of the rebellion, will be accepted by the Interior department as final. The rule that pay is coincident with and determines the period of such service is vacated and set aside, and the consequent decisions are overruled.

LOSS OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

Agent of the New York Republican Committee's Story of Hobbery.

NEW YORK, October 23.—According to a story told in the Yorkville police court the republican state committee is the loser of \$2,000 by the alleged robbery of one of its agents, Cornelius Farrells, in a saloon at 124 East Forty-first street Saturday evening. Farrells in court said that he had been sent by the state committee to investigate some registration frauds in Greene county. He received his ticket for \$2,000 for expenses. Before leaving the city he went to a saloon and became drunk. He asserted that he was assaulted and robbed there by James Coney and Thomas Carey, the latter a coachman for G. G. Haven. Justice Meade ordered the case until tomorrow in order to investigate Farrells connection with the republican state committee, and in the meantime paroled the two prisoners, Coney and Carey.

PLANS NOT YET APPROVED.

For the Government Building at the Atlanta Exposition.

WASHINGTON, October 23.—The plans for the government building at the Atlanta exposition require the approval of the secretary of the treasury, the interior and postoffice. They were sent Thursday by the other secretaries to Secretary Smith that he might approve first. He has been in conference today with members of the government board and has suggested some changes in the plans. The final design may not be approved for several days.

WHY ADAM BEDE RESIGNS.

He Cannot Comply With the President's Letter of 1886.

WASHINGTON, October 23.—The attorney general has received a letter from J. Adam Bede, United States marshal at St. Paul, Minn., tendering his resignation on the ground that he cannot consistently comply with the president's letter of 1886, in regard to federal officers taking part in political campaigns. His resignation has been accepted.

CONSOLED BY HAPPY THOUGHT

Hannibal Berry's Family Regard His Death as That of a Hero.

LEXINGTON, Ky., October 23.—Desha Breckinridge, who attended the funeral of Hannibal Berry, who was killed by James at Turner's Station as the result of an argument over the late primary election in the Ashland district, in a two-column review, says he thinks James practically committed murder. He says the family is an influential one and the funeral was an impressive one. Mr. Breckinridge, in common with his family, says he died the death of a hero—died as a gentleman and for principle.

WAS MADE ON A BUCKET SHOP.

New York, October 23.—Inspector Williams yesterday raided the bucket shop of Stearns' commission company, on New Street, with offices in the Edison building, and arrested nine men. This is the mining stock quotation company that is being investigated by the Lexov committee.

Mrs. Flower Was Not Bitten.

ALBANY, October 24.—Mrs. Flower was not bitten by a dog in New York, as reported. She said yesterday that while patting the animal it jumped up in a playful manner just as she stooped over.

Portuguese Government to Buy Warships.

LISBON, October 24.—It is announced that the Portuguese government has decided to raise a loan of 12,000,000 ocos of reis in order to buy men-of-war.

CARLISLE BEGS TO DIFFER.

An Opinion on the Issue of Floyd County, Georgia, Bonds this Issue.

WASHINGTON, October 23.—Secretary Carlisle is in trouble in consequence of an opinion recently made by Judge Reeve, solicitor of the treasury, to the effect that the repeal of the state bank tax is not necessary to increase local circulation. The question arose on an inquiry by Mr. R. G. Clark, of Rome, Ga., as to the right of the commissioners of Floyd county, Ga., to increase a certain amount of county bonds, 4 per cent interest, in denominations of five, ten and twenty dollars, with a view of using the same as local currency. He asks whether such action would conflict in any way with United States banking laws. The matter was referred to Solicitor Reeve, and he advised the secretary that no statute of the United States prohibits the issue of county bonds in any denomination, and that a county has a right to issue bonds when not in controversy to the constitution of the state.

As to the state bank tax act of 1875, Mr. Reeve held that the word "county" is not enumerated among taxable bodies and that therefore county bonds are not subject to the 10 per cent tax.

The people of Floyd county have become widely enthusiastic over the opinion, and are making elaborate preparations to have the bond issue authorized to the coming election, it being one of the principal issues of the campaign. Mass meetings have been held and committees appointed to arrange for a big barbecue on election day.

The people may be doomed to a very great disappointment in this matter, however, inasmuch as Secretary Carlisle does not agree with the opinion of Solicitor Reeve and will not take any action in the matter until he has heard from Attorney General Olney, to whom he has referred Solicitor Reeve's opinion for review.

THE TRAIN HELD UP

The Express Car on the Texas Pacific Robbed.

AMOUNT SECURED NOT YET KNOWN.

Passengers Relieved of All Valuables. Which Embraced a Miscellaneous Collection of Watches, Money and Other Booty.

FORT WORTH, Tex., October 22.—At 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon a dispatch was received from Secretary Mills, of the Texas Pacific coal company, at Thurber Junction, on the Texas Pacific, west of this city 95 miles, stating that a train had been robbed near Gordon, but that the coal company money was safe, as the robbers could not open the safe. The money was for the monthly payroll of the employees of the coal company at Thurber, and had been placed in the express car in a burglar proof safe, the combination of which the messenger did not know, hence the robbers were unable to gain access to it. Inquiry by telephone at the express company's office failed to elicit any information concerning the robbery. Agent Gill being out, and the employees in the office claiming to be entirely ignorant of the robbery. From railway employees it is learned that about \$6,000 in local packages was secured from the Pacific Express company, and it is reported that a larger sum, estimated as high as \$50,000, was taken from the through safe, though this report is not confirmed. The robbers were five in number and held up the passengers in the coaches and secured a large miscellaneous collection of watches, money and other booty. No one was injured so far as was learned, though it is reported the robbers took a couple of shots at the porter. Later reports state that the robbers blew open the coal company's safe but were unable to get to the \$16,000 contained therein, as they failed to open the inside combination.

THE REVIEW OF TRADE.

The Low Price of Cotton and Wheat the Salient Features in Business.

NEW YORK, October 20.—R. G. Dun & Company's weekly review of trade: Cotton below six cents and wheat below 55 cents, each lower than ever since present classifications were known with exports of gold instead of products at such prices in October, are the salient features in business this week. Distribution of goods to consumers goes on fairly at gains at nearly all points in comparison with last year, but not yet at a rate to sustain the present volume of manufacturing production, so that prices weaken a little. With many features of encouragement business has not yet answered expectations and it is evident that the lost part of the corn crop, and the unnaturally low prices of other great staples, affect the buying power of millions.

BUSINESS MEN ORGANIZE.

An Association Representing Nearly \$30,000,000 of Capital Formed.

CHICAGO, Ill., October 23.—Twenty-five of the largest wholesale manufacturers of clothing in Chicago have organized the strongest defensive association ever formed by the manufacturing interests of this city. Under an elastic set of by-laws they propose to reorganize the system of credits, to protect their interests when threatened by hostile legislation, and to grapple as one firm with organized labor. They organized under the name of the Merchants' Association of Chicago, and represent an invested capital of from fifteen to twenty million dollars and employ from fifteen to twenty thousand tailors cutters and seamstresses.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS TOGETHER.

Germany's Annual Congress Opens at Frankfurt, on the Main.

BERLIN, October 23.—The annual congress of the Social democrats opened yesterday in Frankfurt, on the Main. The Vorwaerts observes the event by publishing in fourteen columns the executive committee's report of the party's doings in the Reichstag. The party finances are as usual, in good condition, showing at once the economy and sagacity with which they are administered. The usual surplus for the general treasury has been left after the payment of all expenses of the agitation.

WORK FOR IDLE HANDS.

Erection of Knitting Factory in North Carolina Gives Employment to Many.

BALTIMORE, October 24.—The Roanoke Rapids Power company, composed of northern and southern capitalists, with a paid up capital of \$2,000,000, has bought 3,000 acres of cotton-growing land at Roanoke Rapids, N. C., and has commenced the erection of a 24-set knitting factory and a 20,000 spindle cotton mill, which will give employment to 1,000 persons. W. M. H. Blanton, of Petersburg, is president, and W. G. Maxwell, of New York, vice-president.

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CONDITIONS CONTINUE GOOD.

Satisfactory Report on the Industrial Outlook of the South.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., October 24.—The Tradesman in its report on the industrial condition of the south for the week ending October 3rd says: The output of pig iron continues on a large scale, and prices are fairly well maintained. While no large transactions are reported, the aggregate of medium and small orders is sufficient to prevent accumulation of stocks in the yards. The southern coal operators are doing a satisfactory amount of business. The lumber market is slowly improving as to prices, and the good effects of associations of manufacturers are beginning to be seen. Low priced cotton is preventing an increase in the volume of mercantile business. Money is easy but collections are somewhat slow.

The Tradesman reports thirty-eight new industries as incorporated or established during the week, prominent among which are: The Rapids Power Company, of North Carolina, capital \$2,000,000; a \$200,000 brewery at Jacksonville, Fla.; a 500 barrel flouring mill, 300 barrel corn mill, elevator, etc., at Houston, Tex.; and a \$100,000 fertilizer factory at Spartanburg, S. C. Car works with \$100,000 capital are reported at Fort Worth, Tex.; a \$30,000 medicine company at Hillsboro, Tex.; a \$25,000 lumber company at Stuttgart, Ark.; one with \$20,000 capital at Taylor, Tex.; cotton mills at Carrollton, Ga., and Morganton, N. C., and a \$10,000 tannery at Buford, Ga.

THE MORMONS AS FARMERS.

Western Journal Credits Them With a Leadership in That Line.

CHICAGO, October 24.—A traveling correspondent for a Chicago paper, who has been in the far west for several weeks, declares in a letter today to that paper that not only in Utah, but in Wyoming, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona the Mormons are the best farmers, fruit-raisers and stock raisers. They all practice domestic farming and supply their families with almost everything they need. They also supply the markets with the best of products. Their farms look like gardens in Holland and Belgium, and they are not ornamented with a mortgage. They bring every domestic industry to perfection, and are constantly improving every breed of animal and variety of grain, vegetable and fruit.

TRANS-PENINSULAR RAILROAD.

An Agent of the Southern Railway Thought to be Looking into the Matter.

COCOA, Fla., October 24.—Mr. Mackey, formerly superintendent of the Richmond and Danville railway, now a part of the Southern railway, is in the city. The fact that he is still a railroad man, and that he is on a prospecting tour, and that he has employed a "Cracker" to pilot him westward, specifying the narrow and easiest St. Johns crossing toward St. Cloud in a westerly course, gives rise to railroad talk, especially as Mr. Mackey refuses to talk about his purposes. It is generally believed here that the long-talked-of trans-peninsular road from the Kissimmee valley to Canaveral is going to be realized, and that Mr. Mackey is making a preliminary survey.

NO TRUTH IN THE REPORT.

Drexel, Morgan & Co. Will Not Reorganize the Kentucky and Indiana Bridge Co.

NEW YORK, October 24.—There is no truth whatever in the report that Drexel, Morgan & Co. have under consideration the reorganization of the Kentucky and Indiana Bridge company. Some figures were recently sent to New York, but they showed the property to be in such bad shape as not to present any basis for reorganization. It is believed that the Louisville Southern will unite with the Big Four and Chesapeake and Ohio to use the new Jefferson bridge. Most of the right-of-way has been secured.

JOHNSON'S MONEY TALKS.

The Congressman Answers Charges of Fraud by Offering \$500 to Punish Fraud.

CLEVELAND, October 24.—Charges having been circulated in the twenty-first congressional district that Tom L. Johnson's managers were colonizing in his interest, Mr. Johnson in his speech last night made a sweeping denial and today published this card: "I am willing to subscribe \$500 if Mr. Burton (the republican nominee) will do the same to a fund to defray the expenses of searching out and prosecuting any illegal registration or voting." It is believed that Mr. Burton will accept the congressman's offer.

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Brackinridge Speaks at Winchester.

LEXINGTON, Ky., October 24.—At Winchester yesterday Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge spoke to several thousand people. The colonel spoke in favor of the democratic nominees for county and district offices. The colonel's reception signifies that he will prove a dangerous factor in the race for United States senator.

The Russian Embassy Denied.

LONDON, October 24.—The statement made in the Pall Mall Gazette that grave differences exist between Lord Rosebery and the Earl of Kimberley is officially denied and it is asserted upon the same authority that the premier and foreign secretary are in perfect accord.

CAUGHT IN CAROLINA

Two More Arrests Made in the Stamp Robbery Case.

PRETTY PIECE OF DETECTIVE WORK.

Were Detected When the Men Made Inquiry for Their Mail at the Post Office—They Admit Their Identity and Willingly Go to Jail.

COLUMBIA, S. C., October 24.—William A. Beach and H. Clay Sinsabaugh, who are charged with being accomplices in the recent stamp robbery in Washington, were arrested here last night. Beach is the third member of the group concerned in the larceny and sale of the postal paper, and is not connected with any department. There is every reason that the men who stole and used the money derived from the stamps led a fast and reckless life while the money lasted. Beach took the trouble to keep an itemized diary and it shows how freely Smith, the chief stamp thief, spent the money he got from his stamps and how he went around the country with lewd women.

Beach owns up to the Affair.

It was a pretty piece of detective work the arrest of Beach and his pal, Sinsabaugh. Just yet, it is not known why Sinsabaugh is wanted, but Chief Daly, to be on the safe side, arrested both of the men directed by the chief of the secret service. Beach owned up to the whole affair, there was nothing else for him to do as the papers on him told him he was.

Chief Daly received the following telegraphic warning several days ago: "To Chief Police, Columbia, S. C.: William A. Beach, is wanted as an accomplice in disposing of stolen United States postage stamps; said he was going to your city last Wednesday, have search made for him; is going under name of Ned Lawrence. You will find letter in mail addressed to him as Ned Lawrence, care post office. Put man at post office to shadow for him. I have United States warrant here for him. Answer."

Wm. P. Hazen, Chief U. S. S., "To Chief of Police, Columbia, S. C.—Later information shows that Beach, alias Ned Lawrence, is accompanied by Sinsabaugh; is doing odd jobs of printing. Both working their way southwest. W. P. Hazen."

Tracked to the Postoffice.

As soon as the messengers were received Chief Daly stationed a policeman at the post office and made inquiry at all the printing offices for Sinsabaugh. It was not long after the men arrived in the city that he was on their track, but he wanted them to go to the post office and call for their letters. They strolled over there, so did a couple of policemen. The post office clerks had been advised to give the cue when Beach, alias Ned Lawrence, and Sinsabaugh called for their mail. When they called for the young lady clerk called Mr. Sadler Gillespie, and he presented a pistol at the young men and asked them into a private room. They went. The police were then called in and got their men. The men admitted their identity and willingly went to jail.

FALL RIVER WEAVERS PARADE.

Fully Ten Thousand People Congregate to Witness the Start.

FALL RIVER, Mass., October 24.—Fully 10,000 persons congregated on the south park to witness the start of the weavers parade. There were between 2,000 and 3,000 weavers in line when the parade began and about 1,000 marched over the five mile route. There was no disorder to speak of. There were two bands in line and a couple of fife and drum corps.

A MORTGAGE FOR \$120,000,000.

Southern Railway Company Put in Pledge for a Vast Bond Issue.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., October 22.—The first consolidated mortgage deed of the Southern railway company was filed yesterday afternoon. It included all the roadbed, buildings, and equipments of the road in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and the District of Columbia. The mortgage is for \$120,000,000 in favor of the Central Trust company of New York.

In Memory of Dr. Marion Sims.

NEW YORK, October 24.—The bronze statue of Dr. Marion Sims was unveiled yesterday afternoon in Bryant Park, in the presence of many men eminent in the medical profession and a large number of spectators. The statue was draped in an American flag which hid it from view until the moment of unveiling. Dr. George F. Shroyd made the presentation speech.

Populist Nominee in Tennessee's Tenth.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., October 22.—The populists of the 10th congressional district yesterday nominated R. J. Rawlings for congress. There is no hope for success for Rawlings, but his candidacy makes the chances for the democratic nominee, Colonel Patterson, doubtful and gives J. W. Brown, republican, a favorable prospect.

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THE IMPROVEMENT MODERATE.

The Leading Features of the Business Situation Reported by Bradstreet.

NEW YORK, October 20.—Bradstreet today says: With few exceptions the leading features of the business situation this week have been those of continued moderate improvement, although the total volume of business, so far as indicated by bank clearings throughout the country, will require considerable expansion to compare favorably with corresponding totals two years ago. The volume of clearings for six business days ending with October 18, is \$949,000,000, or 2.3 per cent larger than in the third week of October of last year, but nearly 31 per cent smaller than in the corresponding week in 1892.

This relatively favorable bank clearings report is offset in part by a decline in prices of staples, coffee alone scoring a slight advance. At Louisville tobacco is easier under promise of a large crop. The production of iron and of Bessemer steel continues as heavy as heretofore, and quotations have been further shaded. Lard is lower in price, and the prospect for cessation of textile labor difficulties at the east has weakened the print cloth market.

At four southern cities general trade is reported to have shown some improvement—Memphis, Jacksonville, New Orleans, and Galveston.

SURE OF EIGHT MEMBERS.

The Bright Democratic Congressional Outlook in Alabama.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., October 23.—The time for the congressional elections is near at hand. There is no doubt in the world about the election of eight of the democratic candidates in Alabama, and if the ninth is not a democrat, it will be his own fault, and because he has deserted the party and its principles, turned his back upon the people who elected him before and "bended the supple hinges of the knee in order that the thrift may follow fawning."

The situation in the seventh district is a matter of much concern to the democratic managers, and it is difficult now to tell what the result is going to be. It is feared that the trouble will come two years hence in an open revolt against the democratic party, but two years is a long way off, and it is hoped that matters will all be righted before then.

Baltimore Drug House Assigns.

BALTIMORE, October 22.—Englar, Kite & Co., wholesale druggists, assigned yesterday for the benefit of creditors. Liabilities and assets \$50,000. Inability to make collections is given as the cause for the suspension.

Destructive Fire in Mississippi.

KOSCIUSKO, Miss., October 22.—Fire here last night destroyed a number of stores and three stables. Loss \$20,000. Insurance light.

CONDENSED NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Twelve policy shop keepers were held for trial at New Haven, Conn., yesterday.

Three men robbed a Syracuse jewelry store of \$2,500 worth of diamonds yesterday.

Forty-nine warrants have been issued for New Haven, Conn., policy shop keepers.

Manager Thomas Tohy has resigned his position as head of the Chicago athletic club.

John C. Chamberlain, of Bridgeport, Conn., has been nominated for probate judge by the republicans.

A conscience contribution of \$936.25 from Massillon, O., has been received by Treasurer Morgan at Washington.

The state council of Connecticut, order United American Merchandise, held its annual session in New London, Conn., yesterday.

The Pittsburg chamber of commerce has endorsed a resolution for the consolidation of Pittsburg, Allegheny and the surrounding towns.

Herr Rothgardt, leather merchant of Hamburg, and his four children, were drowned yesterday by the capsizing of a small boat on the Elbe.

ALL SIGNS POINT ONE WAY.

Bradstreet Reports Business Improvements Continuous in the South.

NEW YORK, October 6.—Bradstreet says: While no radical change has appeared this week there are evidences pointing to continued progress in the direction of improvement. This is true of the country at large.

From the south the most favorable report comes from Jacksonville, where wholesale trade is good and retail trade improves. Merchandise is moving satisfactorily from Savannah and from Charleston and Chattanooga.

Nashville finds encouragement in increased bank clearings, although collections have been disappointing. Business has been fair at Memphis in dry goods, shoes and clothing, and at Atlanta the volume of trade has increased ten per cent in most leading lines. Improvement is also shown at Augusta, and the volume of sales of groceries and hardware from New Orleans has increased. Galveston and Birmingham report no change.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review reports the failures for the past week as having been 219 in the United States against 320 last year, and 39 in Canada against 45 last year.

Clericals Win in Brussels.

BRUSSELS, October 23.—The latest returns show that the Clericals won in Brussels. Their majority is estimated at 13,000. They also carried Tournaï, which was formerly Liberal. Premier D'Orlet is said to have been unseated in Brussels.

New Jersey's Ex-Governor Dead.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., October 23.—Ex-Governor Joseph D. Bedle died at St. Luke's hospital, New York, yesterday afternoon, from the effects of an operation for calculus, performed by Dr. Bangs.

A SOUTHERN NOVELIST.

Richard Malcolm Johnston and His Clever Work.

How His Conversion to Roman Catholicism Changed Him From Educator to Story Teller—His First Literary Efforts.

I spent an afternoon last week with one of the most charming writers of the United States, writes Frank G. Carpenter in the Chicago Herald. I refer to Richard Malcolm Johnston, who ranks with Uncle Remus and Thomas Nelson Page as among the greatest story tellers of the south, and whose dialect tales of the Georgia hills have delighted the readers of the magazines for years. It was at his home on West North avenue in Baltimore that I called upon him. His house is a three-story red brick, which is covered with vines and looks out upon one of the widest streets of the city. The living rooms of the family are on the second floor and it is near the parlor, furnished with antique pieces, that I met Mr. Johnston. He is not so rich to-day as he was before the war, when he owned a plantation in the south and possessed the luxurious surroundings of a well-to-do planter of his time. He lives very comfortably, however, and his income from his writings is enough to support well himself and his family.

It is not generally known to the public that Richard Malcolm Johnston is one of the best educators of the United States. He was a professor in the university of Georgia at the time the war began, and when it closed, leaving himself and all his friends poor, he opened a boarding school for boys at his home near Sparta, in Georgia, and made here for years \$20,000 and upward annually by teaching. He had about fifty boys, who paid him tuition fees of \$500 a year, and the most famous families of the south sent their children to him. Very few teachers in the United States to-day can make as much as \$20,000 a year, and the story of how Mr. Johnston gave up his school and devoted himself to writing for an income about one-tenth this size is an interesting one. He told it to me in response to my questions.

Said he: "I like the profession of teaching very much and I look upon it as my life work. I never thought of making money by writing for pay, and it was not until I came to Baltimore that I realized that I could write anything which had a real money value. I left Georgia on account of the death of my daughter. We loved her dearly, and I could not endure life amid the old associations without her. I gave up my school and moved to this city and began teaching here. About forty of my boys came from the south to Baltimore to enter my school, and had I not changed my religion I would probably be teaching to-day. Some time after I came here, however, I grew convinced that my religious ideas were wrong, and from being an Episcopalian I was converted to Catholicism and became a member of the Catholic church. The most of my students were Episcopalian, and when their parents learned of the change in my religious belief, they withdrew their sons from my school, and the result was that I eventually gave up teaching. In the meantime I had written some short stories, which were published in a southern magazine that was then printed here in Baltimore. These now form part of my book, known as the 'Dukesborough Tales.' They attracted attention, but I never thought of their having any money value until one day Mr. Alden, the editor of Harper's Magazine, asked me what I had received for them. He was surprised when I told him that I had written them for nothing, and he said that he would be glad to have me do some writing for Harper's, and that if I could give him stories like those who would pay for them. I then wrote some stories for Harper's. They were published and paid for. They have been writing from that time to this. My first story was published after I was fifty years of age."

As Richard Malcolm Johnston said this I looked into his bright blue eyes and could not realize that he was more than seventy years of age. It is true that his hair and mustache are frosted silver, but his cheeks are rosy with health and his voice has the silvery ring of youth. He is a tall, straight, fine-looking man, and he is full of enthusiasm and life. He is modest in the extreme concerning himself and his work, and he told me that it was a continual surprise to him that his stories were accepted by the magazines. "I suppose," said he, "it is because they are to a large extent of historical value. They picture a people and a time which is fast passing away. They are true to life, and they are merely my remembrances of the people of my boyhood. The dialect which I use is the language of the people among whom I was raised, and my characters are real characters, with their names changed."

SETTLEMENT BEGINS AT ONCE.