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NEWS LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

CURRENT EVENTS OF NATIONAL INTEREST CONDENSED INTO BRIEF PARAGRAPHS.

WASHINGTON, December 23:— Democrats throughout the country will regret the recent fight which occurred in the house of representatives between Messrs Williams and DeArmond. Both are men of advanced years who have won the respect of the country by their long and creditable service in the house and that they should have so far forgotten themselves as to have engaged in a rough and tumble fight is to be sincerely regretted. The immediate occasion of the quarrel was a misunderstanding between them regarding the committee assignment between the two men for the position of Democratic leader. Mr DeArmond made an earnest fight for the honor during the fall and Mr Williams won out. Mr DeArmond thought that as Mr Williams had been elected at the primaries of his State to the senate, he might stand aside for some other member of the house when it came to the honor of Democratic leadership, while Mr Williams was unwilling to conclude his career in the lower chamber with less honor than he had enjoyed for some time past. It is expected that these men, both of whom are essential to the best interest of the Democrats in the house, will be brought together by friends and that remembrance of their encounter will be hushed up in so far as that is possible.

An instance of Speaker Cannon's absolute domination of the house is afforded by the case of Representative Burton and the committee on Rivers and Harbors. Before the house met Mr Burton, who is a good Republican, by the way, announced publicly that he would not again be chairman of Rivers and Harbors, which is a most arduous position and which he has filled with great credit through several congresses. Mr Burton felt he had earned a place on the important committee on Ways and Means which has to do with the making of the tariff. He had, however, expressed sympathy for the tariff revision views of Secretary Taft and that was enough for Mr Cannon. He notified Mr Burton that he could not have a place on Ways and Means and that unless he served on Rivers and Harbors again he would be deprived of all committee assignments. Mr Burton sought to secure the support of some

of his Republican colleagues in a fight against the speaker, but they were all so afraid of Cannon's displeasure that they would not join with him and consequently he is again chairman of Rivers and Harbors while Representative Longworth, the President's son-in-law, gets the Ohio vacancy on Ways and Means.

The refusal of the New York county Republican committee to endorse Governor Hughes for the presidency constitutes a severe set-back for the presidential boom of that executive. The fact is that Mr. Hughes, who is really a resident of New York city and in sympathy with all the hatred of President Roosevelt which the Wall street gamblers and the railroad manipulators feel toward the president, has been making insinuations in his speeches which reflected discredit on the president and which showed how little he was in sympathy with that form of Republicanism, which is almost Democracy, for which Mr Roosevelt stands. The governor was misled by the intensity of the hatred of Roosevelt among his associates and thought it quite safe to throw mud at the man whom they all hate. That he made a mistake is clearly shown by the action of the New York committee. Most of the Republican politicians still hate Roosevelt and they hate Taft too, but they are too smart to make the mistake of thinking that the rank and file of the party hate them.

The opinion is freely expressed in Washington that Hughes is, or soon will be, out of the presidential race. Secretary Cortelyou, whose entire strength lay with the bankers whom he has so largely befriended, has himself withdrawn from the race and the result is that Taft now seems to be the man whom Mr Bryan will have to beat. This is perhaps unfortunate, for Taft is the strongest man the Republicans can name. With a reactionary candidate, such as Hughes, Fairbanks, Cortelyou, Foraker or Cannon, Mr. Bryan would have an easy race. The American people, regardless party, will not stand for the old Hanna style of Republicanism and that is what these men stand for. On the other hand, Taft will run on a platform consisting of the Roosevelt policies, most of which Mr Roosevelt borrowed from Mr Bryan, and it will make Mr Bryan's fight all the harder. The question before the people will be: Do you want the originator of these policies, William J Bryan, or do you want the heir to the purloiner of those policies, made somewhat more conservative by a Republican education, William H Taft? It will be a case of Bill against Bill, Big Bitl Taft

and Big Bill Bryan, for both men are big, each in his way. Senator Tillman made a powerful and conservative speech in the senate this week, one which contained many pertinent questions hard for the Republicans to answer. The fact is that Secretary Cortelyou, in his anxiety to help the bankers, has

clearly violated the law and the Republicans know it. They appreciate that they have no defense against the Democratic arguments and they wince at the prospect of the debate which will come after Christmas. Mr. Tillman will have more to say on this same subject and so will many other able Democrats.

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KNOCKS KINGSTREE TO BOOST LAKE CITY.

FLORENCE TIMES' CORRESPONDENT MAKES RECKLESS STATEMENTS REFLECTING ON KINGSTREE.

LAKE CITY, December 19:—A movement for the establishment of Lake county, to be created entirely out of the northern part of Williamsburg, culminated in a mass meeting here last night attended by two hundred of the leading men of Lake City district. Committees were appointed and finances were provided to carry forward the scheme. Williamsburg county, as she stands, has 991 square miles of territory, or 91 more square miles than required by law before a division can be made entirely within boundaries of the old county. Williamsburg has an assessed valuation of about four and a half million dollars, or a million more than is required to make county division possible. There is a population of 86,000, thus leaving about 11,000 in excess of the minimum. Every requirement lies wholly within Williamsburg territory, so the divorce directly concerns no other county.

The advocates of this movement put forth as their reason for action, the fact that Lake City is the most hustling, most rapidly building and, best all the year business town of equal size in the lower section of South Carolina. It is the berry and trucking center and the tobacco center of the State. The whole country surrounding is prosperous; in fact, the northern half of Williamsburg pays two thirds of the taxes of Williamsburg county. Lake City in today's financial stringency, has two banks where is on deposit an aggregate of over \$200,000.

It is an admitted fact that Lake City, in the course of a year, does twice the business that Kingstree does. Two-thirds of the white population of the county lie within the northern half. Lake City is a white man's town, there is not a single foot of land in this town owned by any negro, and there are no negro holes-in-the-wall. No business enterprise of any sort conducted by any negro. Not only white supremacy but white "entirely" seems to be the unwritten law here.

At a recent lot sale 40 lots were placed in the hands of home founders and a dozen new houses are on the way. New enterprises are coming in, one of the most important being the establishment of the Lake City News by Hartwell M Ayer and Stewart Starr of Florence. Mr. Starr will move to Lake

City Jan. 1, when plans will be put into execution. Lake City backed up this newspaper project like they are proceeding to back up this new county movement, with cash pledged.

The citizens propose to build a court house and jail cost free to the new county and nearly \$6000, out of the \$8000 desired, has been pledged; and at a meeting of citizens next Monday evening at 7:30 in the auditorium of the new school house it is expected to raise the full \$8000, etc.—*Florence Times*.—December 30.

Card of Thanks.
 The family of W D McClary beg to return their sincere thanks to the people of Gourdin for their kind attention shown towards us at the death of our beloved father. Be assured, dear friends, that your sympathetic kindness will always be remembered.
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