

POLITICS IN WASHINGTON.

DEMOCRATS CONCEDE THAT BRYAN WILL BE NOMINATED. President Roosevelt on the Floor of Congress is a Popular Form of Government.

Washington, March 31.—The house this week was the scene of a severe and at times witty arraignment of the president, delivered by Representative Deall of Texas, who declared that it were better that no legislation be passed, or that legislation as crude as the railway rate bill when it went from the house to the senate be placed upon the statutes than that the president should usurp the legislative functions of congress and dictate the course of the majority in the national legislature.

Representative John Shary Williams announced his purpose, one day this week, to introduce a resolution of inquiry to investigate the extent to which the president had abused Representative Dickama of Michigan over the coal case because of the character of the report which a sub-committee of which Mr. Dickama is chairman had made in the case of Judge Wilsey of the United States court of Southern District of New York. It has been reported in a local paper that this report severely censured Judge Wilsey and later that the president had severely scored the chairman of the sub-committee.

There is comment in some quarters away from Washington because there is so little written from here of Democratic politics, but there is really very little to write. The Democrats in congress seem to be almost unanimously of the opinion that Mr. Bryan will be nominated and the reports which reach here from the various states certainly show a remarkable strength for the great Nebraska. Occasionally, of course, there is talk of some other candidate.

a faction, the conservative, let-well-enough-alone crowd, and this seems to be a bad year for that sort of a crowd. The Democrats tried the conservative candidate four years ago when they accepted Judge Parker at the dictation of the New York leaders, but they do not seem disposed to repeat the experiment.

For a time it looked as if it was any man's game in the Republican party and certainly the anti-Roosevelt, anti-Taft faction did include some of the loudest shouters in the party. But as the days go by they demonstrate that their capacity ends with shouting and that they are not the men who control the party or who can capture the delegates. Senator Foraker still talks of his showing and of the number of delegates he will have, but sensible men only listen and laugh.

NO PLANTATION BY FOREIGNERS Augustus Receives Denial From England of Rumor That Immense Plantation Was to Be Established in This Country.

The British Cotton Growers Association, of Manchester, England, has been making an ad for the past two years over the fact that they are going to buy a large area of many thousands of acres to grow cotton to supply England. The association is largely made up of Manchester mill owners.

Recently the announcement was made in an English paper that this plantation would be established in Mississippi, on the river. Mr. N. L. Willet, of this city, who has been in touch with the association, wrote to them recently to know the truth of the matter. He received the following letter a few days ago: "Manchester, Eng., March 9, 1908.—Mr. N. L. Willet—Dear Sir: The proposed plantation is not likely to be established. (Signed) "Arno Schmidt, Secretary."

MAY KILL JUG TRADE YET. Senate Committee Finds Solution of Perplexing Question.

Washington, April 1.—The sub-committee of the senate judiciary committee thinks that it has at last devised a plan which will seriously interfere with the shipment of liquor from another State into a prohibition State. The committee has practically agreed to report a bill, the gist of which is that express companies shall be restrained from handling liquor shipments consigned to prohibition States.

This is sought to be accomplished by making it unlawful for express companies to act as agents either for the consigner or the consignee. Some States already have a law of this kind. It is held that if express companies can be prevented from transporting lottery tickets they can also be inhibited from carrying liquor.

MORE INDISCREET TALK. Lyon's Comment on Judge Pritchard's Course.

Savannah, March 29.—Attorney General J. Fraser Lyon, of South Carolina, came to Savannah yesterday for a conference with Hon. W. W. Osborne and Hon. Alex. Lawrence, who are representing some of the claimants in the South Carolina dispensary wrangle. The nature of the conference is not made public.

GOOD WORK BY CLEMSON. Free Investigations of Contagious and Infectious Diseases of Animals.

The majority of stock owners do not know that this State provides for the investigation of contagious and infectious diseases and consequently there is an unnecessary loss of many animals each year. Some of these animal diseases are also communicable and fatal to man, and, therefore the appearance of any disease of suspicious character should be promptly reported to the State veterinarian. All letters asking for information regarding non-contagious diseases of animals will be promptly answered, but owners are requested to fully describe the symptoms of the disease. Observe the following rules in requesting investigations:

Rule 1. All notices of contagious or infectious diseases shall be sent to "Veterinarian, Clemson College, S. C." Rule 2. When two or more reputable citizens of any county in this State shall notify said veterinarian that any animals in their county are affected with a contagious disease, the tendency of which is to cause the death of such animals, he will investigate the same or cause an investigation thereof to be made.

Rule 3. When said notice shows that the disease is contagious or infectious an investigation will be made. Investigations will be made in the order notices are received when this is practicable; otherwise they will be made in order of importance or according to location. Rule 4. Persons requesting inspections should hold the animals in readiness, awaiting the arrival of the veterinarian or assistant veterinarian, and be present to give the required information and assistance.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE. Rev. Mr. Harley Chosen Superintendent of the Organization in South Carolina—Will Assume Duties at Once.

Spartanburg, March 30.—Rev. J. L. Harley of the South Carolina Methodist conference, and pastor of St. Paul's church at Greenville, has been elected superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of South Carolina and will take up his work in this connection at once. Bishop Morrison of the Methodist church has approved his accepting the work, authorizing him to take up his new duties as soon as elected. His election was by the executive committee of the Anti-Saloon league at a meeting, held in Greenville this afternoon, and his commission comes from the national organization. State-wide prohibition is the purpose of the organization in this State.

COLEMAN LODGED IN JAIL. Negro Who Shot Mr. A. L. Orrell, at Darlington, Caught by Negro.

Darlington, April 2.—Sam Coleman, the negro who day before yesterday shot Mr. A. L. Orrell during a scuffle over the possession of a pistol, was arrested to-day and is now in jail at this place. Becoming tired and hungry the negro went to a negro house near where the C. S. and N. E. H. crosses Pee-Dee River this morning and asked for something to eat and for permission to sleep during the day. The negro woman sent a message by her daughter to Mr. Gilmore, section foreman for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, who was at work on the railroad not far away, informing him of the presence of the negro in her house.

THE VENEZUELA EMBROGLIO. CRITICAL PHASE IN NEGOTIATIONS REACHED.

Our Relations With Venezuela Strained—Correspondence in Affairs Laid Before the Senate—Tentative Programme Arranged by Committee.

Washington, March 31.—The long expected correspondence between America and Venezuela respecting pending American claims against the latter country was submitted to the senate to-day and almost certain to create a profound impression. It will be difficult to digest the vast mass of material which Secretary Root has placed before congress, but even a cursory inspection of the documents makes it evident that the negotiations have reached a critical place. The president's realization of that fact is shown by his transmission of the matter to the senate without any comment regarding the correspondence and especially Secretary Root's strong presentation of the American case as sufficient to enlist the attention of congress.

All the correspondence and documents were referred to the senate committee on foreign relations. Those members of the committee who have already familiarized themselves with the situation have arranged tentatively a programme which consists of three propositions, as follows:

Place a prohibitive tariff on Venezuelan coffee, the exports of which constitute 54 per cent. of the entire Venezuelan foreign trade and 90 per cent. of the coffee is taken by the United States.

Exclude all importation of asphalt from Lake Bermudez, the product of which has been taken almost entirely by the United States. Authorize the president to exercise the general power invested in him to take whatever steps he may consider necessary to treat with Venezuela in the future.

Issue a letter to Minister Russell on Feb. 28, 1907. Secretary Root reviewed the difficulties encountered by the various American claimants and instructed Mr. Russell to demand remedy and redress. The letter concluded with this statement: "You are instructed to bring these several causes of complaint to the immediate and serious attention of the Venezuelan government and to insist that the government to which you are accredited shall give each and every demand herein set forth immediate consideration."

COTTON HELD IN ANDERSON. Farmers of the County Said to Have 23,000 Bales on Hand Now.

Anderson, March 31.—Mr. T. T. Wakefield, manager of the Farmers' Union Cotton Warehouse, has received a letter from a farmer in South Georgia asking as to the truth of a report circulated in that section to the effect that the farmers of South Carolina, and of Anderson county in particular, had become discouraged with holding their cotton and were throwing their cotton on the market at its present low price. Mr. Wakefield replied at once that there was no truth in the report.

"We have now 5,000 bales in the Union Warehouse. In addition to this there is a lot of cotton stored in mill warehouses in the city, some of the mills allowing their farmers to use their warehouses. There are altogether a little more than 10,000 bales of cotton stored in the warehouses in this city. "And many farmers have cotton on their farms. You can see cotton piled around many gin houses in the country and around many homes on the farms. The farmers of Anderson county have on hand today about 23,000 bales of cotton or about one-third of the last crop. And there does not seem to be the slightest disposition to sell until the price goes up."

SENATOR DAVIS FINED. Pays \$25 in Little Rock Police Court for Disturbing the Peace.

Little Rock, Ark., April 1.—United States Senator Jeffrey Davis was fined \$25 in police court today for disturbing the peace. The fine was added for the senator's action in getting a pistol and appearing on the streets yesterday evening, where he had been attacked and beaten a few minutes before by Thomas Helm, deputy prosecuting attorney. It is alleged Davis flourished the revolver and made threats of taking a shot at his antagonist, who had vanished. Helm was fined \$10 for assault.

Sampson Jones, colored, fell two stories while going up in the elevator of the Clinton cotton mill, now being constructed Monday afternoon. He was dangerously injured in the head, arm and body. The two men with him were slightly injured.

One thing President Roosevelt hasn't yet done, and that's to write a tabloid message.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Bulletin.

500 Mile State Family Tickets \$11.25 Good over the Atlantic Coast Line in each state for the head or dependent members of a family. Limited to one year from date of sale.

1000 Mile Interchangeable Individual Ticket \$20.00 Good over the Atlantic Coast Line and 30 other lines in the Southeast aggregating 30,000 miles. Limited to one year from date of sale.

2000 Mile Firm Ticket \$40.00 Good over the Atlantic Coast Line and 30 other lines in the Southeast aggregating 30,000 miles; for a manager or head of firm and employees limited to five but good for only one of such persons at a time. Limited to one year from date of sale.

1000 Mile Southern Interchangeable Individual Ticket \$25.60 Good over the Atlantic Coast Line and 75 other lines in the Southeast aggregating 41,000 miles. Limited to one year from date of sale.

All mileage tickets sold on and after April 1st 1908 will not be honored for passage on trains, nor in checking baggage (except from non-agency stations and stations not open for the sale of tickets) BUT MUST BE PRESENTED AT TICKET OFFICES AND THERE EXCHANGED FOR CONTINUOUS TICKETS.

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CABBAGE AND BEET PLANTS. For the next few weeks I will fill all orders for cabbage and beet plants at the following prices: 1000 to 4000, \$1.25; 5000 to 9000, \$1.00; 10,000, 90c. Special prices on larger lots. Cash with order or O. D. if preferred. I guarantee satisfaction and safe delivery of plants. W. F. CARR, Meggetts, S. C.

CANNON ALTER PAPER TRUST. Speaker Introduces Resolution Calling for Information.

Washington, April 2.—Speaker Cannon, as a member of the House, today introduced resolutions directing the Attorney General and the Secretary of Labor and Commerce to inform the House what steps have been taken by those departments to investigate the action of the International Paper Company, of New York, and other corporations supposed to be engaged in an effort to create a monopoly in print paper. In a statement Mr. Cannon said if the claims of the publishers are correct the manufacturers of paper are subject to penalty and "the trust" can be dissolved in the United States courts.

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