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WILSON IS LEADING.

NEW YORK HERALD'S POLL SHOWS THE DEMOCRAT A WINNER.

Taft is Making Some Big Gains—Roosevelt Has Reached Flood Tide—Losing a Little.

New York, Oct. 22.—The New York Herald, which has for several weeks been taking a straw vote of the country, prints the following in connection with the coming election: Governor Wilson still in the lead.

Mr. Roosevelt second and gaining some votes as a result of the attack upon him in Milwaukee, but apparently not enough to endanger Mr. Wilson's present lead.

President Taft third, but making steady gains in many parts of the country.

These are the relative positions and conditions in the great presidential race, as indicated by the Herald's canvass of the nation, and with election only fifteen days off.

Each of the three principal rivals for the great office is gaining in some sections. All are losing in some. President Taft has made marked advances in some sections of the Far West. He has made further gains in Pennsylvania. The Republicans in several states have replaced indifference with activity and are making a real campaign for their nominee. This sudden reversal of form on the part of organization managers has greatly stiffened up the Taft men and given them new hope.

Mr. Roosevelt has made gains in Illinois, where he leads and where he has developed much strength. He is holding his own in practically all the states where he led last week. Governor Wilson has gained also, but on the whole, has just about held his own. This is accounted for by the theory that he had a "flying start" and could not be expected to increase his lead.

In a nutshell, the situation, as revealed by the Herald's 200,000 and more test ballots and reports from scores of correspondents, is as follows:

Governor Wilson has touched his high mark. Mr. Roosevelt has reached the flood tide and is slightly ebbing. President Taft is making slight but steady gains.

From what can be learned, the attempted assassination of Mr. Roosevelt will not greatly strengthen him. Indications are that there will be an additional sympathetic or sentimental vote for him in many sections, but not sufficient to affect the electoral vote. One result, however, which is highly important from the Roosevelt point of view, is that the attack upon him has braced up wavering "Bull Moosers," as they term themselves, and they are backing the nominee, Mr. Roosevelt, with new enthusiasm. Just how extensive the sympathetic vote will be it is impossible to tell. This feature becomes the leading mystery of the campaign just now, and every one is striving to solve it. The managers of the Roosevelt campaign do not believe it will greatly help them.

A politician of years' experience and of sound political judgment estimated, after a thorough investigation in Connecticut, that Mr. Roosevelt would receive 1,000 votes in the Nutmeg State as a result of the attack upon him.

With the fight entering its final stages, political leaders have now begun to ask one another if the undercurrent which, while not of great force, has, without doubt, set in for President Taft, will be of sufficient strength to sweep him into second place and ahead of Mr. Roosevelt. They are beginning to ask one another also if all the straw votes and all the personal opinions, which agree in many instances, are to be upset by some element which has not yet come into the campaign.

HUGH LONG GRANTED BAIL.

Aiken, Oct. 22.—Representative-elect Hugh Long, charged with the murder of Pickens N. Gunter, at Wagoner, in this county, on Saturday afternoon about six weeks ago, has been granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 with not less than two or more than five securities, and as soon as Mr. Long's bondsmen qualify he will be released from custody.

Work has been recommenced on The Imperial, the hotel being erected by Mr. A. L. Jackson, and is now proceeding rapidly. It looks now as if Sumter will in the course of the next few months, have two hotel buildings as fine as any in the State.

SUMTER WILL CELEBRATE.

COMING OF SEABOARD TO BE WELCOMED BY DAY OF AMUSEMENTS.

New Road to Run Special Train—Nov. 19th Set as Tentative Date—Football Game, Street Races, Old Fashioned Handicap Races, Etc., to Be Arranged.

At a meeting of the board of directors and chairmen of committees, the committee on excursions, together with the committees on entertainment and city fairs, were instructed to arrange a special day of entertainment to celebrate the coming of the Seaboard to Sumter, especially having in view the entertainment of those living along this new line.

These committees met Wednesday night and laid out tentative plans for this special day. The members of these committees are as follows: Excursions, Bartow Walsh, chairman, C. L. Cuttino, M. B. Randle, L. I. Parrott, C. H. Wilson, H. C. Parrott, Julius Westcoat, John Clack, John McKnight, E. S. Booth, W. B. Upshur. Entertainment, L. I. Parrott, chairman, H. L. Birchard, J. G. DeLorme, O. H. Polley, M. H. Beck, L. E. White, W. W. McKagen, E. I. Reardon. City Fairs, Julius Westcoat, chairman, H. L. Tisdale, C. C. Beck, John T. Green, J. H. Grady, P. M. Parrott, James Cuttino, B. A. Theese.

The business men will be asked to subscribe liberally toward the special fund that will be raised for this purpose. This fund will be used for prizes for the races, advertising and special features. A small folder will be published, which will give a list of the business houses of Sumter which have contributed to this fund. These folders will be distributed along the line of the new road and handed out to the business men in the towns along the line together with a special invitation by a representative of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, who will be sent out for this purpose. Circulars and hand bills will also be distributed. On Monday next the city will be canvassed by committees as follows: Bartow Walsh, L. I. Parrott, business houses off of the main business streets; H. C. Parrott, E. S. Booth, west side Main street; Julius Westcoat, J. G. DeLorme, east side Main street; J. H. Grady, C. H. Wilson, John McKnight, Liberty Street.

Following committees have been appointed on programme: Music, Julius Westcoat, R. K. Wilder; Foot Races, H. L. Birchard, B. A. Theese; Foot Ball, S. H. Edmunds, W. B. Upshur, E. P. DuRant; Bicycle and Motor cycle Races, H. L. Tisdale, James Cuttino; Handicap Races and General Amusements, J. H. Grady, E. I. Reardon, E. S. Booth.

The committee has offered a prize of \$2 cash for the best name submitted for the day. Anyone may try for this prize. They were at a loss what to call the day in advertising it to the public and in order to secure a good name and to advertise it as widely as possible this method was hit upon. Proposed names must be submitted to the Chamber of Commerce on or before November 1st. It may be by letter or in person.

The new Seaboard will open a new and large trade territory for Sumter and the object of this day to have as many people come to Sumter as possible and get acquainted. A special train will be run over the new line and arrangements are now being made for this train which will probably start from either Darlington or Florence. Announcements concerning this train will be made later. A big day is promised. All sorts of amusements are planned for. The street races will be made special features. Among these will be a relay race, potato race, wheelbarrow race, motor cycle and bicycle races. Two greased poles will be erected with \$5 bills nailed to the tops of the poles, greased pigs will be set at liberty to be caught and given to the one catching same; cash money will be buried in different parts of the city to become the property of the finders and hand circulars will be distributed on the morning of the day giving clues to the points of burial. Many other special features will be announced later.

The local civic service board held a clerk-carrier's examination Wednesday in the postoffice. There were only two applicants. It seems strange that the young men of the town who are not in business, would sit idly by and let men out-side of the city take the examinations and get good government jobs, when by a little effort they could secure places which in a few years would be good paying positions.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL TAKES ACTION ON NUMBER OF MATTERS OF INTEREST TO CITY.

Quarters Leased to First National Bank for Five Year Period—Women of Red Light District Must Leave Town in Ten Days—Violations of Sunday Laws Discussed—Special Water Rates Made Y. M. C. A. and Churches—Must Not Sell Goods on Street—Other Matters.

City Council reconvened Wednesday night the adjourned session of the night before and acted on a number of matters of interest to the city, most of them, however, being of minor importance.

When council was called to order Geo. D. Levy, Esq., present to represent certain women of the city, was heard on a subject which he had previously taken up with council and on which he had asked to be heard before a full meeting of that body. He spoke very impressively, arguing entirely from a sanitary standpoint, on the evils which would result if these women of the underworld were driven from the city. He stated that he knew, from a moral standpoint the practise of having such houses as these women kept, was wrong, but he thought that if they were kept under proper police protection and the occupants made to observe certain sanitary regulations, the evils would not be as great as would be the case when the women were driven out and conditions were changed so that there could be no regulation on the part of the police and no sanitary inspections. He stated that theoretically it was best to drive out the women, when past practise had shown that it was not.

Dr. C. C. Brown, Rev. R. W. Humphries, and Mr. H. L. Birchard were present to present the other side of the case. Dr. Brown, at the request of Mr. Levy, made a few remarks on the evils of having bawdy women in the city. He did not think that the city officials should countenance violations of the law. Mr. Humphries and Mr. G. A. Brown also had a few words to say on the subject.

Council after hearing all that those present had to say on motion of Mr. Rowland voted unanimously to have the police enforce the present ordinance against allowing bawdy houses in the city, and the women were given ten days in which to leave.

Mr. Hurst requested instructions as to how he should proceed in collecting licenses of a part of a year. It had always been the custom up to last year to allow the license to extend over for a full year when the party paid his license for the second year, a full license being required for any part of a year, when the newcomers stay was transient. Mr. Hurst stated that he thought this custom, which had been departed from last year, was best to follow and it was decided to allow the refund on licenses, taken on parts of a year, when the license was paid for the second year.

Action on the matter of installing a fire hydrant near the gas plant was postponed until information as to cost could be secured.

It was decided to pay the expenses of witnesses who had come to the city from Shiloh to attend a whiskey case in the recorder's court.

A bill from the Sumter Railway & Mill Supply Company, for a boiler compound, which was considered by Mr. Rowland to be extremely high was referred to him with power to act.

Mr. Geo. D. Levy having in his remarks before council made the statement that the Sunday laws were being violated Council discussed the matter and it was decided to give the police instructions that they must be more stringent in their efforts to enforce these laws.

Mr. E. I. Reardon, city health officer, was elected custodian of the city hall so that he could see that proper sanitary rules were enforced in the building.

The matter of granting free water rents to churches and the Y. M. C. A. was discussed fully. Mr. Jennings was opposed to granting the free water to churches, but he thought that it ought to be given free to the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Rowland thought that all ought to pay for the water that they used. The matter was finally decided by granting special rates of 8 cents per thousand gallons to these institutions.

A bill from the Carr Construction Company for lumber which had been sent to the water commission was re-

SYNOD IN COLUMBIA.

PRESBYTERIAN DELA GATES MEET FOR ANNUAL SESSION.

Celebration of Centennial of Birth of Dr. J. H. Thornwell to be Held Today.

Columbia, Oct. 23.—The annual session of the Presbyterian Synod of South Carolina began last night in the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia.

According to custom the opening sermon was preached by the retiring moderator, Rev. D. M. Fulton of Darlington. His text was Col. 1-18: "That in all things he might have the preeminence"—the subject, "The Preeminence of Christ." There were three principal points: (1) Christ should be given the preeminence in the life of the individual; (2) in the home life; (3) in His church. It is to be regretted that circumstances forbid the presentation in full of this most admirable and effective address. It received the earnest attention of the large congregation.

After the sermon the synod was formally organized. The ministers and elders representing churches present were enrolled. Rev. W. A. Haffner acting as clerk in the absence of Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., the stated clerk. Dr. W. E. Pelham, W. A. Clark, Rev. W. H. Mills and Rev. E. E. Gillespie were nominated as moderator. After a rather lively scene for a Presbyterian assembly, Rev. E. E. Gillespie of Yorkville was elected. Rev. W. A. Haffner was elected assistant clerk.

Rev. J. O. Reavis, D. D., then spoke a few cordial words of welcome to the synod in behalf of the churches and citizens of Columbia.

The hours for the sessions of synod were appointed as follows: 8:30 a. m. to 1 p. m.; 4 to 6 p. m.; 8 to adjournment.

One of the matters of especial interest to engage the attention of synod at this session will be the celebration of the centennial of the birth of Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D. Several addresses have been arranged for. Today at 12 m. Rev. Thornton Whaling, D. D., president of the Columbia Theological seminary, will deliver an address on "Dr. Thornwell as a Theologian." Tonight at 8 o'clock Rev. A. M. Fraser, D. D., of Staunton, Va., will speak on "Dr. Thornwell as an Ecclesiastic." Of special interest is the presence of the occasion of the three surviving children of Dr. Thornwell: C. A. Thornwell of Rome, Ga., Mrs. Hague and Mrs. Anderson.

ferred to Mr. Rowland with power to settle.

Mr. Booth stated that the doors of the fire house were sagged and had to be repaired. He was given power to have the needed changes and repairs made.

Mr. Booth stated that there was now quite an accumulation of stable manure in the city stables and he wanted to know what to do with it. He asked if council would allow it to be moved to the far side of the city farm, where it would be some distance from the station. Messrs. Rowland and Booth were opposed to the placing of any more stable manure on the lot near the pumping station as the purity of the water supply was something very necessary for the city and the board of health had advised against the manure being placed there.

Mr. Snell, representing the Retail Merchants' Association, asked that Council pass an ordinance, or if there were one already, have it enforced, prohibiting the sale by fakirs of articles on the streets. This was a nuisance, he stated, and was a means of depriving the city merchants of business which ordinarily would come to them. A resolution to the effect that such fakirs be kept off the streets and the police be instructed to enforce the ordinance was passed.

It was decided to secure the services of Mr. L. C. Strauss to represent the city in any cases which might come up in forcing certain money lenders of the city to pay their licenses.

A letter from the manufacturers of the flush tanks in use in the city relative to the tanks which were not in service and why they had not been inspected previously and were not in good condition was read. The company complained of interference on the part of the city engineer when they had endeavored to inspect the tanks a couple of years ago. The clerk was instructed to write the company informing them that the tanks referred to in the recent letter from Council were not the ones which the

CAMPAIGN PROBE NEAR CLOSE.

SENATE COMMITTEE EXPECTS FINISH INVESTIGATION.

Source of Grand Young Man's Sinews of War to be Sought—Adjournment Then.

Washington, Oct. 22.—With the examination of witnesses summoned for a single session tomorrow the senate campaign funds committee expects to finish the investigation, as so far planned, and to adjourn until after election.

The sinews of war furnished to Albert J. Beveridge for his 1904 campaign in Indiana will be the principal feature of tomorrow's inquiry. Senator Beveridge himself, as well as the men associated with him in that campaign, have been summoned to appear. Members of the committee did not expect to go into the mat at this time, having planned to conclude the present series of hearings today. However, Senator Pomerene had obtained information relating to the Beveridge matter and requested that it be cleared up at once.

Senator Pomerene in his examination of George W. Perkins, yesterday became involved in a heated controversy with the witness, who denied having furnished between \$50,000 and \$60,000 for the campaign for the Indianan in 1904. Mr. Perkins said he remembered sending only \$10,000 to Mr. Beveridge, which the latter returned. This he remembered because he "almost dropped dead" when the money came back. Senator Pomerene declared his information was that \$50,000 or \$60,000 had been sent into Indiana by Mr. Perkins after the national committee had failed to furnish a \$100,000 fund which had been promised to that State.

Senator Beveridge himself is busy with the Progressive campaign in Indiana, where he is running for governor, and may not be able to come to Washington until after election. Other witnesses who were associated with him in the 1904 campaign, however, have promised to be on hand for tomorrow's session which will begin at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

ZARZA CASE UNDER INQUIRY.

Cuban Vice Consul Will Make an Investigation.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Investigation of the case of Joseph J. Zarza, an attaché of the Cuban consulate at Newport News, Va., who has been sent to jail for three months and fined \$500 on the charge of having attacked Mrs. Chas. Brown, wife of a draftsman at the Newport News shipyards, is to be made by Senor A. Barranco, Cuban vice consul here, who left tonight for Newport News.

State Body to Meet.

Columbia, Oct. 22.—A. W. McKeand, acting president of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, has issued a call to the members of the organization to attend the annual meeting here on November 6th, when it is expected that permanent officers will be named. The meeting will continue through the day when many matters of importance will be discussed. The campaign to raise \$15,000 a year for three years for the Columbia Chamber of Commerce will be discussed on the same date.

city engineer had prevented them from inspecting.

Mr. Booth stated that four new carts and a street scraper were needed by the city and was given authority to proceed in the matter and purchase the vehicles by competitive bid.

The matter of securing an incinerator for the city was discussed, but no action was taken.

The next matter disposed of was the extension of the lease of the First National Bank for ten years, for which application had been made. The proposition was fully discussed by all members. Mayor Jennings filed a written statement of his position. He was opposed to the granting of a lease on the grounds that the city needed the space for its own offices and because of needed changes in the Academy of Music, which could not be made if the quarters were leased.

Mr. Rowland was in favor of leasing the building for the ten year period. Mr. Booth also was in favor of leasing the property. The matter was finally settled for the time being by granting a lease of the property for an extension of five years, instead of ten as requested, at a rental of \$1,000 per annum. Messrs. Booth and Rowland favored, the motion while the mayor opposed it.

WILSON MAY RESUME FIGHT.

TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS URGE HIM TO CARRY ON CAMPAIGN.

Writes Final Appeal to People to be Delivered by Campaign Orators November 2.

Princeton, N. J., Oct. 22.—By letter and telegram pressure is being brought to bear upon Gov. Wilson from many parts of the United States to resume his speaking campaign. The demand for speech the Democratic presidential p said tonight, has increased in the last few days and his campaign managers are being bombarded with requests.

Gov. Wilson said tonight he had no more plans to announce as yet. A nominee read interestedly the from Oyster Bay about the coming of Col. Roosevelt. The governor has previously said that he would make no further speeches until Col. Roosevelt has recovered.

The governor spent the day at the State house at Trenton, dealing with the routine of New Jersey business. He made a brief call at his own political headquarters and then walked to the railroad station.

Used in his campaign trips, was standing there, but the occupant this time was Gov. Hiram Johnson of California. The New Jersey governor had only a few minutes to get aboard his train and missed greeting the California governor.

The governor had one diversion from his day of routine. It was a phonograph reproduction of some of his speeches humorously jumbled and distorted. One of the youthful stenographers at the governor's political headquarters had dictated in a deep voice some excerpts from the governor's speech, twisted into mock form, and the governor laughed heartily while he listened.

Parodies on the governor's manner of expression and vocal pronunciation ran through the record.

The nominee wrote tonight the message which will be read by campaign orators throughout the country on "Wilson day," November 2. It probably will be his last declaration before election day.

NEITHER SIDE WILL GIVE IN.

Effort to Settle Columbia Strike Fails—No Cars Moving.

Columbia, Oct. 23.—This morning Chamber of Commerce undertook to get the street railway strike ended. The efforts failed. The letter of the Chamber hoping to get a settlement reads as follows:

There was a three-hour session of the entire membership of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce and three representatives of the employees and the management of the railway company. Every possible phase of the situation was discussed. The representatives of the employees and of the management were left to confer for a long while, but no result followed. Just before a recess it looked like some basis of agreement would be reached, and the committee from the employees was asked to get full authority to act and to consider propositions looking to a settlement.

Tonight a final conference was held, at which the committee of the employees stated that the executive committee had full authority to act, but that they would not consider any change in the contract that had been submitted as to the points on which, in the afternoon, it looked as if a compromise might be effected. When the employees stated that they insisted upon every point on which it had been hoped there might be some latitude for a compromise, there was nothing further to be done, as the street railway company stated that they could not and would not sign the proposed contract submitted by the Amalgamated organization.

Nine Stitches in His Heart.

Philadelphia, October 22.—John Thompson, a negro, has just left the Pennsylvania Hospital well and strong, after surviving the operation of having nine stitches taken in his heart. Thompson was stabbed in a quarrel seventy-seven days ago. The knife penetrated deep into his heart. Today he was declared as well and as strong as before he was wounded.

Mr. R. E. Gribben of Charleston, assistant rector of Grace Church at that place, preached at the Church of the Holy Comforter Sunday in place of the pastor, Rev. H. H. Covington, who is still confined from his injury received some weeks ago.