

COL. MANN AUTHOR OF SMITH LETTER

Nottoway Candidate Explains Latest Epistle.

WRITTEN DURING ABSENCE

Says When He Heard of Letter He Wrote Smith, Withdrawing Promises of Support, as He Has Made It a Rule Not to Make Any Pledges During the Campaign.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Warrenton, Va., July 26.—In a speech here to-day, before a fair and enthusiastic crowd, Judge William Hodges Mann, candidate for governor, vigorously denied the charges of his opponent, Harry D. Smith for superintendent of schools of Scott County four years from now.

He said that the Smith letter, read by Mr. Tucker, was written by his nephew, Col. James Mann, who is his campaign manager. Judge Mann then read another letter to Mr. Smith, in which he withdrew the promises of support in the first letter.

Judge Mann also declared that Mr. Tucker was stating things in regard to him which were not true.

Explains Smith Letter.

Judge Mann said in part: "My attention has been called to a letter from me to John H. Smith, of Gate City, which was read by Mr. Tucker at Courtland, and which he says is an agreement on my part to support Mr. W. D. Smith for superintendent of schools of Scott County four years from now."

"Mr. Tucker is an usual reading only a part of the record. The letter to which he refers was written when Mr. Smith was a candidate for re-election as superintendent of schools of Scott County before the present board at the time the recent appointments were made and was written during my absence from the city."

"Some time since I heard that it was stated in Scott County that I had made some promises to Mr. Smith. Knowing that I had made none, my feelings were at once aroused, and I wrote a letter which was written in the hurry of handling a tremendous correspondence, was called to my attention for the first time."

"The following letter was immediately sent to Mr. Smith, and is a copy of a registered mail, and I have his receipt."

Did Not Write First Letter.

"Richmond, Va., July 12, 1909. "Mr. John H. Smith, "Gate City, Va."

"Dear Mr. Smith: I am writing you by this mail a letter that was written to me by my nephew on April 25 last, during my absence, and sent out only by my signature."

"I have his regard for Mr. W. D. Smith, and that letter may be construed to be a promise to support Mr. Smith for superintendent of schools of Scott County four years from now. My return was in fact, when he wrote, Mr. Smith's candidacy for re-election at that time by the present board of education, and I have since that time been very busy with my duties, and I have not had time to make any promises or pledges of any kind to you, and I have no desire to do so."

"I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. W. D. Smith."

"Very truly yours, "WILLIAM HODGES MANN."

Submits Another Letter.

"As showing more fully my position in this matter, I will say that a few days before the John H. Smith correspondence was called to my attention, I had received a letter from W. H. Hart, of Hillton, Va., very similar to the one I had received from John H. Smith, and under date of July 9 had written him as follows:

"I have your letter of the 4th instant, and am very glad indeed to receive approval of my views on the various subjects discussed in your Petersburg speech."

"I am especially interested in the question of public schools. I had the honor to be the patron of the school last, under which two hundred and fifty-one high schools have been established in Virginia during the past five years."

"I note what you have said about Mr. W. D. Smith. I know Mr. Smith well, and have for him a very high regard, and I have no objection to his being elected, but I have no intention of making any pledge of any kind to him, and I have no desire to do so."

"I am, of course, adhering to this rule in the present case."

Smiths Not Related.

"I sent copies of the John H. Smith correspondence to Mr. W. D. Smith, who at once wrote me that the letter to me had not been written with his knowledge or consent, and that John H. Smith is neither a relative nor a friend of his."

"Mr. W. D. Smith has never indicated to me in any way that he has any intention of being a candidate for superintendent of schools of Scott County four years hence, and has never asked of me any favor of any kind. Since Mr. John H. Smith sent Mr. Tucker the first letter, he doubtless sent him also the second. Why did he not read them both? I repeat, this is in thorough keeping with the plan that has been pursued through the whole campaign of quoting only part of the record."

No Pledges, He Says.

"I wish now to say that I have not made any pledge or promise, directly or indirectly, to W. D. Smith, James B. Doherty, J. M. Bauserman, W. Med. Lee, or either of them, as Mr. Tucker has charged; or to any one of them; and that I have not, nor has any one for me, made any pledge or promise, directly or indirectly, of any kind or of description whatsoever, upon any subject, to any human being, unless what I have said in my public speeches in reference to certain policies may be construed as a promise to pursue those policies; and I again say that I will make none."

"If I am elected governor, as I confidently expect to be, I shall be free to act upon all matters as shall seem to me for the best interest of the people."

Analyses Temperance Record.

Judge Mann also questioned Mr. Tucker's temperance record. He said that Mr. Tucker has been drinking that he voted, while in Congress, for the "original package" bill, designed to prevent liquor shipments from a "wet" State into a "dry" State. He said that Tucker has also claimed that he helped drive liquor out of the Valley.

Judge Mann declared that Mr. Tucker is trying to deceive the people on the "original package" bill vote. He says that the Congressional Record shows that Mr. Tucker voted against the bill instead of for it, as he has claimed.

Judge Mann said that Mr. Tucker failed to vote for local option in Staunton and Lexington when he had two opportunities. He said that Mr. Tucker explains, if he failed to vote, he must have been out of town "looking after his duties as a Congressman in Washington." Judge Mann then pointed out that at the time the Staunton election was held, on August 2, 1891, Congress was not in session, it having adjourned March 2, 1891.

Judge Mann also called upon Mr. Tucker to place on the public record the correspondence bearing upon the Federal liquor application. He also dared his opponent to tell who were the men who saw the President in his behalf for the judgeship.

Largest Morning Circulation.

USES TOE TO PULL TRIGGER.

Carolinian Ends Life; White Brother Is Being Married.

Special to The Washington Herald. Salisbury, N. C., July 26.—Seated upon a bed in his room at his home, near Salisbury, Sunday afternoon, Clarence Klutz, aged twenty-one, a well-known young farmer, ended his life by shooting himself through the heart. A small rifle, found near his side, was the weapon used, and the suicide used his toe to pull the trigger.

No cause for the rash act has been found. At the hour the tragedy took place a brother of the dead man was being married at a church near the Klutz home. Refusing to see his brother married, he remained at home, and his body was found by members of the family after the wedding.

MANN IS HURT BY DECISION

He May Lose "Dry Vote" by Roanoke Committee's Action.

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The alleged "courthouse ring," which is straightout Democratic, is also divided between Tucker and Mann. The Citizens League, which is composed of Democrats, Republicans, and members of other political parties, is "dry" by a big majority. The ruling of the Democratic executive committee will, however, shut all voters, except those who accept the pledge to support the nominees of the city ticket at the fall election, out of the joint Democratic primary next week.

If the members of the Citizens League are not permitted to participate in the primary, Mann will not get all the "dry" votes. Mann declared two days ago that the rule to keep independents out of the primary was a scheme of the Tuckers.

Many independent voters will vote in the primary for their gubernatorial candidate and ignore the city altogether, and then vote for whomever they please at the regular election in November. They are the ruling of the city Democratic committee is unjust and that they will disregard the pledge which will be printed on the ballot.

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Liquor Fight Likely in Republican Convention.

AROUSING BY BRISTOL RESULT

Ninth District, Bulwark of Virginia Republicanism, May Force Issue from Strong "Dry" Plank—Platform Will Assure Fee System—Preparing for Fight Three Years Hence.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Newport News, Va., July 26.—Almost upon the eve of the gathering of the Republican clans on Wednesday the indications are that the State convention will not be able to escape a fight over the wording of the temperance plank to go into the platform.

The liquor question is to-day the most absorbing State issue in Virginia. The Anti-Saloon League, by questioning the Democratic candidates for governor and for the legislature on their temperance views, has brought the issue to the front in that party, and hardly a day passes that Judge Mann and Harry St. George Tucker, candidates for the Democratic nomination, do not refer to the temperance question and the position each occupies.

It has been generally believed that the principle of local option would be incorporated in the Republican platform, and all signs now point to the strongest temperance declaration ever adopted by a political party in Virginia save the prohibitionists themselves.

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KORESHAN PLANT TO BE SOLD.

Effects of Teed's Colony at Bristol Goes Under Hammer.

Special to The Washington Herald. Bristol, Va., July 26.—The large \$100,000 manufacturing plant of the Koreshan Union, the religious organization of which the late Dr. C. R. Teed was the head, will be sold at public auction by local creditors to satisfy claims of \$25,000.

The Koreshans established a colony in Bristol about two years ago and operated a large plant. It was in a flourishing condition until last winter, when Dr. C. R. Teed, the founder, died. Dr. Teed taught that he was immortal and within three days after his passing out of his physical body he would resurrect himself and thus demonstrate his power over the grave. He failed to make good, and with the chief vestal stone of the faith destroyed, the remnant of his followers gave up the religion.

BOY TRAMP KILLED.

Uses Railway Track for Bed With Fatal Results.

Special to The Washington Herald. Raleigh, N. C., July 26.—Adam Trull, thirteen years old, who had left his home at Greensboro for a tramp expedition, was killed on the Southern Railway near Clayton, while asleep on the track. His body was found this morning. Owen Murray was arrested on suspicion of murder, but later was released. Murray is from Salisbury, was tramping with Trull.

Within a year the number of State, private, and savings banks in the State increased from 24 to 25, and the aggregate assets from \$45,562,599 to \$50,838,629. The total deposits are \$7,063,790.

JEWELS IN GARBAGE BARREL.

Thousand Dollars' Worth, Lost Four Months Ago, Found.

Special to The Washington Herald. Martinsburg, W. Va., July 26.—Seven diamond, emerald, opal, and turquoise earrings, valued at \$1,200, which were lost by Mrs. C. E. Bright of Cleveland, in this city four months ago, were recovered here to-day, when a garbage barrel at a livery stable was emptied of its contents by a colored employe of the place. The jewels were found in a chamber-skin bag in a handbag. Mrs. Bright lost the jewelry while driving about the city in a cab while on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. James Rothwell, and several men were arrested in connection with the disappearance of the jewels, but nothing concerning them was learned until to-day. The jewels were returned to their owner and the finder was given the reward offered.

NEWS OF WESTERN MARYLAND.

Local Optimists Hold Rally at Westport.

Special to The Washington Herald. Cumberland, Md., July 26.—The local optimists held a rally at Westport to-night. Addresses were made by Harry R. Donnelly, of the Cumberland bar, and Benjamin P. Robertson, of Shaft, candidates for the Republican nomination for the house of delegates on the local option platform.

A large barn with contents, belonging to the Borden mine farm, near Borden, was destroyed by fire. Men carousing in the barn are supposed to have accidentally set the building on fire.

George F. Powell, a justice of the peace of Grafton, W. Va., is dead after a brief illness, aged sixty. He was formerly a merchant of Drurytown, and was a staunch Bryan Democrat. He was twice elected justice of the peace in a strong Republican county.

Otto Sturm, superintendent of the Grant Coal and Coke Company, of Round Bottom, W. Va., was killed by a fall of 139 feet. Out of curiosity he walked out on a cable, after having been cautioned not to do so, and lost his balance. He leaves a wife and a son.

Esperantists to Meet.

Wheeler, W. Va., July 26.—Arrangements have been completed by the local Esperanto Club for the first annual convention of the West Virginia Esperanto Association, which is to be held in this city August 3 to 5. The executive committee that has charge of the program is composed of Prof. J. W. Scott, of Wheeling; Prof. J. W. Ross, Dr. W. S. Hamilton, Mrs. Lenna Henning Sherman, and Mrs. Flora Williams.

Miss Coleman Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald. Lynchburg, Va., July 26.—Miss Jean Benham Coleman, aged nineteen, daughter of Rev. James Coleman, pastor of the Forest Baptist Church, died late yesterday at her home at Forest Depot after a long illness of tuberculosis. The remains will be taken to-morrow to Richmond for burial.

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JUDGE LUCAS DEAD.

He was a Distinguished Son of West Virginia.

Charleston, W. Va., July 26.—Judge Daniel B. Lucas, one of the most distinguished citizens of West Virginia, is dead at his home, "Ryon Hall," after being sick for several weeks. Judge Lucas, known as the poet of Shenandoah Valley, was born at Charleston March 16, 1838. He was a resident of Richmond when the civil war broke out. He joined the staff of Gen. Henry A. Wise June 1, 1861, and served with him throughout the campaign in the Valley, which terminated October, 1861.

In 1864 and 1866 he was elected to the legislature from Jefferson County. His most notable act was his resistance to the caucus which proposed to re-elect Senator John M. Camden, president of the Standard Oil Company of West Virginia, to the United States Senate. In a speech delivered in joint assembly February 24, 1867, Judge Lucas denounced the domination of a picked caucus. This speech was extensively copied by the press throughout the country and settled the contest, and Mr. Camden was defeated.

March 5, 1887, Judge Lucas was appointed United States Senator by Gov. Wilson. The legislature assembled in a special session the following April and elected Charles J. Faulkner Senator.

December 5, 1889, on the death of Judge Green, Judge Lucas was appointed to fill the vacancy on the bench of the Supreme Court of Appeals of his State and was re-elected by a handsome majority in 1890. He always took an active part in politics and during the last few years he lived a retired life. He is survived by a wife, who before marriage was a Miss Brooks, and one daughter, Miss Virginia Lucas.

WOMAN IS EXONERATED.

Mrs. Kane Is Not Held for Shooting R. O. Martin.

Special to The Washington Herald. Norfolk, Va., July 26.—A coroner's jury to-day partly exonerated Mrs. John Kane for the shooting of R. O. Martin at Pine Beach last week in its verdict, the opinion being expressed that the shooting was justified. Witnesses testified that Martin, who drove one of the ice delivery wagons for Mrs. Kane's husband, was, after having threatened the woman, advancing on her with a hatchet when shot. The case will be further inquired into and Attorney Dan Coleman has been engaged to defend Mrs. Kane.

Lynchburg Wants Rain.

Special to The Washington Herald. Lynchburg, Va., July 26.—With scarcely a trace of precipitation here in ten days and the normal rainfall deficient since January, despite an unusual July, crops are beginning to suffer in this section. Unless there is relief soon, trucking will be ruined. The James River is almost down to mean low water mark, the government gauge registering less than a foot.

Brought Home Wrong Body.

Special to The Washington Herald. Parkersburg, W. Va., July 26.—The body of the man who was mistaken for Patrick Galvin, of this city, and brought here by Galvin's mother, was unclaimed in a morgue here to-day. It was believed for a time that the body was that of James Kiger, of this city, who has been away from home for two weeks or more. An examination by a doctor, however, was conclusive proof that the body was not that of Galvin.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Old Reliable TOURNAMENT AND FESTIVAL. All Day, 10 a. m. to Midnight, JULY 25, 1909. At St. John's Church (Old Carroll Chapel), FOREST GLEN, MD. Good Dinner and Supper and many other good things. Two Games of Baseball. Riding will begin at 1 p. m. Entrance fee, \$2. 50 in prizes: 1st prize, \$25; 2d prize, \$15; 3d prize, \$10; 4th prize, \$5. Douglas Blanford, Silver Spring, Md., will have charge of tournament. Hon. Blair Lee will address the knights. D. W. Baker, U. S. District Attorney, of Washington, D. C., will give the coronation address. Dancing and Merry-go-Round. The Forest Glen Brass Band will furnish the music.

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