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THE CANDIDATE.

Under the above heading, "Charity and Children," published at Thomsville, N. C. says: "Read more our willing ears are to be regaled with the issues of forty years ago."

The above is well said, as, in fact, everything in our esteemed contemporary, emanating from the pen of the gifted editor, is written in good English and cogent terms.

Just taking the position of "a man up a tree" for the time being, we would like to see the parties fight out the campaign on the issues affecting the people, but a party's record, like a man's character, must be considered, when it comes into the line-light asking to be trusted with money and clothed with honor.

Of course, in this campaign the Republican party will attack and is attacking the record of the Democratic party. It can hardly be expected, therefore, for the Democratic party to sit on its hunkers without clashing the scabs off the festering sores on the sides of the G. O. P. elephant.

You must smoke a proffered cigar in order to tell whether the man who offered it to you was actuated by a motive of generosity or from a spirit of revenge.

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what earthly objection a Democrat can have when it can serve his purpose to hit the old negro party "the blow that almost killed father."

On the 10th of August Judge Parker will be officially notified of his nomination for the Presidency. It is to be hoped that he will make no reference to his reported advocacy of only one term in the White House.

"All right, but who is Morton?" This was asked back by a United States naval officer in the Orient several days ago when he received an order from the new Secretary of the Navy.

Surprise is expressed that a multi-millionaire paid \$100,000 to the clergyman who performed the marriage ceremony for him. It is owing to whether a man can afford it whether \$100,000 is a big or a little fee for tying a man to a woman who is the pink of perfection.

Former Senator D. M. Hill and Tammany leader Charles F. Murphy have shaken hands and made up. That settles it. We are ready now to shake hands with all our enemies, for no Hill and no Murphy can crawl over us in the noble spirit to "let it all pass."

Are the Republican leaders sneaking in their tents? Very few of the old guard were present a few days ago when Roosevelt was formally notified of his nomination for President.

One fellow out rowing with two girls in his boat at Wrightsville Beach is like having a jar of peach preserves and only one biscuit.

With Judge Parker taking a swim every morning, President Roosevelt insisting upon every man working for his reward, and Dr. Swallow demanding to know what is the hobnob vote going to do?—Washington Post.

THE M. E. CONFERENCE

Most Profitable and Interesting Sessions Concluded at Southport Yesterday.

MEETS NEXT AT WARSAW.

Strong Testimonial to Presiding Elder John—Need of an Industrial School Emphasized—Delegates to the General Conference.

[Special Star Correspondence.]

SOUTHPORT, N. C., July 30.—Friday afternoon and Saturday morning the educational needs of the district came in for a large share of consideration at the Conference now in session here.

Dr. Yates spoke especially of the work designed to be accomplished by the Woman's Annex at Trinity College, the purpose of those in control being to furnish the young women of the State the highest and best educational advantages to be found anywhere.

Rev. A. McCullen spoke of the valuable work now being done at Littleton Female College by President Rhodes and his associates, and showed the best possible advantages being given for the least possible money.

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CITIZENS TO CELEBRATE.

Completion of Bridge at Still Bluff an Occasion for Jubilee This Week.

Recently the county commissioners of Pender county had erected over Black river, at Still Bluff, a handsome steel bridge at a cost of \$3,800. It contains a draw in order to allow the passage of steamers, and is one of the most modern and substantial bridges in eastern North Carolina.

The people of the Still Bluff section are proud of their bridge and are so rejoiced over the advantage which it affords that they will give a big celebration at Still Bluff on Friday, August 12th. The affair will be a great basket picnic, and the committee of arrangements of the affair consists of Messrs. A. J. Dew, E. J. Corbett and John M. Marshall.

Mr. C. H. Blizard, of Still Bluff, was in the city yesterday and stated that the people of Wilmington are invited to attend the picnic. Three steamers will be run from the city that morning and will return that evening. Still Bluff is in Pender county, 33 miles from Wilmington, and it is expected to have 1,500 people at the celebration.

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TWO MEN SHOT BY BOLD HIGHWAYMEN.

One Man Killed and the Other Fatally Wounded While Riding on a Country Road.

\$3,000 IN A SATCHEL TAKEN. Story Told by a Farmer Who Found the Dead and Wounded Men in Roadway—Highwaymen Thought to be Italians—Posses.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., July 30.—Charles Hayes, a driver employed by the Pullman Coal Company, is dead, and Patrick Campbell, the company's paymaster, is fatally wounded at the Altoona hospital, as the result of a hold-up and murder, which occurred on the township road leading from Portage to Parlian about 10:15 o'clock today.

The two men in a buggy were taking a Saturday night ride at 9:30 p.m. when they were stopped by three men who were armed with shotguns. Hayes fell to the bottom of the buggy and the driver, Charles Hayes, was shot through the neck and breast and died about half an hour later. Campbell was hit in the shoulder and fell from the buggy.

William Helms, farmer, who lives four miles from Portage, started for home in a spring wagon over the same road which the paymaster and his driver had taken. The wagon was a mile from town where the road is flanked by woods he suddenly came upon the body of a man apparently writing in death agony in the middle of the road. Getting down from the wagon, he discovered the wounded man to be Mr. Campbell. The latter was drenched with blood which was flowing from a wound in the right shoulder. Although in dreadful agony Campbell was still conscious and managed to whisper to Helms that he and his driver had been fired upon by robbers, that he, Helms, was the driver, and that the man who had been shot was the paymaster.

Helms started on the road in search of the team and driver. He had not gone fifty yards when he came upon the body of the driver, Charles Hayes, lying motionless on the ground. Helms turned his team about and drove at a gallop back to this place, his unconscious patient lying in the bottom of the wagon. He drove directly to the office of the doctor, Dr. Schofield, in whose charge Campbell was placed, secured assistance and went back for Hayes.

The body of the driver was taken to Portage where physicians discovered that although Hayes was unconscious life was not quite extinct. He was wounded beyond recovery, however, and died about 10:30 p.m. after being brought in the office. Meanwhile, Paymaster Campbell, who was still in the office of the doctor, had regained consciousness and was able to give a brief history of the account of the hold-up and murder. He said that he and Campbell had been riding along the road when they were stopped by three men who were armed with shotguns. Campbell was shot through the neck and breast and died about half an hour later. Campbell was hit in the shoulder and fell from the buggy.

News of the tragedy spread like wildfire through Portage and in a quarter of an hour hundreds of people were streaming over the road toward the scene of the murder armed with guns and revolvers. The searching parties had little to show, as there are said to have been not even footmarks to show where the men had stood while waiting for their victims.

About 3 o'clock Policeman Jones, of Johnstown, was driving his car on the road when he saw a man who was attempting to board a freight train east bound, toward a town. The fellow, who is said to be an Italian, was carrying a gun at his side. Jones saw the man and maddened snarls to questions put to him by the officers but it was thought for a time he must be one of the highwaymen. Devo's opinion also was that the man was a highwayman, as far as could be ascertained he is a harmless tramp.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Another Gudgeon has got an office. Herman, son of "Kl," is Shipping Company's agent in the Canal Zone. "Kl" will get all on the payroll before he is through.

The latest reports say that Messrs. Blair, of Winston, have bought the bank at Pilot Mountain and will re-open it at once, paying one hundred per cent. on all deposits. The payments are to be made in eighteen months without interest.

In a test made a few days ago on the Southern yards at Spencer, with the mammoth new wrecking crane and outfit, a locomotive weighing seventy tons was easily lifted from the tracks and swung around over the adjacent tracks. The monster derrick handled the seventy tons of iron and steel as if it had been a mere child.

At Salisbury on Thursday night attempts were made to burglarize eight residences. It is believed the burglaries were well planned in advance and that the residences were carefully selected. In four of the eight cases the burglar was seen, but not recognized. The homes entered were those of prominent business men.

At Raleigh on Friday the Secretary of State chartered the C. C. Cooper Tobacco Company, of Rocky Mount, to do a regular warehouse and tobacco business. The corporation has a capital stock authorized of \$100,000 and an equal amount, with which it will commence business, of \$25,000. The incorporators are Mrs. C. E. Cooper, C. C. Cooper, B. H. Bunn and L. V. Bassett.

Mr. Bud Kizer, who was assaulted by a negro some weeks ago at Pilot Mountain, is steadily improving and if blood poisoning can be prevented, he will recover. He is unable to swallow, his throat being swollen, but a tube into his throat, pouring milk down a tube into his throat. The negro is in jail, pulling out his beard one hair at a time as to alter his personal appearance that he may not be recognized.

Mr. Marcellus Bent, of Goldsboro, received a telegram from Sanderville, Va., Friday morning stating that Mr. Kirby S. Uzzell, brother of Representative Uzzell, of Wayne county, had committed suicide in that town Friday morning at 2 o'clock. Mr. Uzzell was a traveling man and was only recently in Goldsboro visiting relatives. He seemed in the best of health and spirits and it was thought that his life is a deep mystery to his many friends. His remains were sent to Goldsboro for interment.

On Friday, at Winston-Salem, J. A. Sales, tried on the charge of eloping with Mrs. J. H. Tate, was acquitted in the Superior Court. It was shown that although he had written letters to Mrs. Tate, begging her to meet him first at Henderson and then at Rocky Mount, Va., but Mrs. Tate had not complied with his request. The letters of Sales fell into the hands of Mrs. Tate's husband, Mrs. Sales was called on to testify but fainted on the stand and was excused. Judge Jones expressed regret that Sales could not be punished, but that Mrs. Tate had gone to him, and no other verdict could be recorded.

Raleigh News and Observer, July 30th: Applause rang loud and frequent in the Metropolitan Hall last night when two of North Carolina's great speakers addressed the Democracy of Wake and the opening guns of the campaign of 1904 were fired. The meeting was a success in all numbers, but a success in eloquence. Over four hundred of the best people of Wake met to signalize the organization of the Parker and Glenn Club here, and the splendid attention they gave the speakers—Hon. E. W. Potts, of Smithfield, Congressman from this district, and Hon. Frank S. Spruille, of Lenoir, Presidential Elector at Large—was proof of the deep interest taken.

The full force of the hail storm in Scotland county has hardly been realized. It was terrific and visitors in that section are appalled at its magnitude. Rev. T. N. Ivey, editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, after a visit to the section is quoted as saying that the damage done exceeds belief, that the hail scalls back off the timber from the oak trees and saw with his own eyes. In some cases the storm swept away a great many crops bodily, and in other cases left cotton standing entirely dead and stalks withered. Some crops that appeared to be badly damaged will come out considerably. Dr. Ivey says that in some sections, where the fall of hail was the greatest, it would have killed people exposed to it, judging from its effect upon vegetation.

A special dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Agency Bureau, says that O. W. Igratoff will succeed the late M. Von Pichew as minister of the interior.