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Some Republican papers, finding nothing else to criticize in Judge Parker's acceptance address, remark that "there was nothing brilliant, rhetorical or strong about it."

The fact is, Parker did not juggle with words and left out the hot air which characterizes the bombastic and kaleidoscopic speech of Roosevelt. Parker laid down the doctrine in English that can be understood wherever the lines fall. The Democratic nominee surely cut out the efferecence and hyperbolicism of the Republican nominee, for it would not be becoming in a judge, who had just laid aside the ermine, to wear a red blanket and make a circuit on a bob-tailed broncho.

We have heretofore neglected to note our observation that the Sage of Rosemount, flowery enough in itself, is not afflicted with logorrhea. Parker talked too plain to suit the Republicans. Let us be thankful.

The Raleigh News and Observer copies the STAR's editorial deprecating the misguided position of some contemporaries in considering a big majority as dangerous to the Democratic party, and says: "There is more political wisdom and patriotism and common sense packed in the above sentences than has been put in type this year." That is a high compliment for what we intended to be only a modest statement of facts.

The wheat crop this year will be 605,937,000 bushels, according to the government report. This is short of the average total crop, but it will be offset by an enormous crop of corn, the estimate for which is 2,566,847,000 bushels. To this is to be added a 12,000,000 bales crop of cotton in the south. The seasons have bountifully favored the country and not the Republican party.

Judge Parker is incensed because some Republican papers accuse him of double dealing. When a candidate gets mad about a little thing like that the country must know that he is too honest to have done anything that will warrant the opposition papers to go to telling the truth on him.

"Roosevelt failed to attend the circus at Oyster Bay the other day," says the Jacksonville Times-Union. Probably he resented the presence of the circus as a Democratic scheme to get up opposition to his role in "spectacularism."

Says the Raleigh Post: "We gladly and enthusiastically join the Wilmington STAR in rejoicing that Judge Parker, in his speech of acceptance, extended the glad hand to the ox in the ditch."

It is published that a Baltimore negro swam 125 miles a few days ago. We cannot believe this story unless it is coupled with the statement that watermelons were seen floating out to sea.

Mr. Charles M. Schwab has given out an interview "On the future of steel." The Republicans, however, would like to hear something comforting about the future of steel.

A pretty American girl has succeeded in swimming across Lake Geneva. Even a man wouldn't undertake to go across it on the water wagon.

GAPT. J. P. ARRINGTON DEAD.

Institutional Clerk in State Treasury and Ex-Sheriff of Nash County.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 12.—Capt. John P. Arrington, institutional clerk in the State Treasury, died this afternoon from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy and paralysis suffered Monday night. He was a son of Hon. A. H. Arrington, a member of the Federal Congress before the war and of the Confederate Congress. He was for six years sheriff of Nash county. The remains will be interred at the old Arrington homestead in Nash county Sunday.

TRAGEDY AT A MARRIAGE FEAST.

Edgcombe Negro Shot Another, While Third Was in Thrust of Epilepsy.

TARBORO, N. C., August 11.—While engaged in a dispute at a marriage feast and ball in the vicinity of Old Sparta last night, Eugene Wilson shot and instantly killed Joe Edwards, both colored. A negro boy out of doors had an epileptic fit and a lamp. Wilson objected to its being removed and a quarrel ensued with the above result. Wilson was apprehended and lodged in jail to await trial.

A salt-water bathing pool in front of the Seashore Hotel for the use of guests will be one of the attractions at Wrightville Beach next season.

IS STILL A MYSTERY.

Murder in Columbia of Woman Claiming Wilmington Her Home Creates Interest.

NO ARRESTS ARE MADE.

Post Mortem Reveals Horrible Details of the Work of a Brute—Victim's Sad Story of Blasted Life—Inquired for a Bible to Read.

From the fact that the principal had repeatedly declared before death that her home was in Wilmington, N. C., and that she had repented of her past life and desired to return home to her parents in this city, the Columbia murder mystery was widely discussed on the streets here yesterday and there were frequent inquiries as to whether or not the woman's identity had been established. Battered by a mystery of such engaging proportions, it was thought that the authorities in Columbia would have directed some of their investigation to the supposed home of the young woman, but so far as can be learned no inquiries have been made of the officers here and the identity of the woman has not yet been disclosed. Yesterday's Columbia State gave more of the horrible details of the murder and expressed the opinion that some arrests would follow during the day, but none had been made late yesterday afternoon and the mystery surrounding the death was veiled as heavy as on the day the body was discovered in the disreputable district under the circumstances related in this paper yesterday.

However, it was stated in Columbia yesterday afternoon that the police were working on several clues and expect to finally unravel the mystery, but they were keeping their counsel to themselves.

It is now conceded that the woman's name is Maude Allen and that she went to Columbia five weeks ago, instead of five months, as previously reported. Her age is given as between 25 and 30 years.

The post mortem examination conducted Friday revealed a scalp wound at the top of the right forehead and six scalp wounds on the back of the head, none featuring the skull but each cutting the flesh to the bone; any one of them was sufficiently violent to cause concussion of the brain and render the woman unconscious. The woman's back and hips were beat to a jelly, as were her shins and arms; she was probably struck fifty violent blows. There were slight abrasions on the forehead, nose and chin and the neck in the forehead was the first and that it knocked her to the floor in an unconscious condition; that her assailant then stood over her with a heavy stick and labored her.

A Bible was found in the woman's room and several negroes testified that a few days before her death she came to them and asked for "something to read concerning the Lord."

A colored woman said the Allen woman came to see her last Friday and asked her for "some religious reading." She then seemed to be despondent and was in tears. She said that this month a year ago she was an honored member of a happy family, was a Baptist Sunday school teacher and singer in the choir at home, which she said was 1,000 miles away. She said she knew her mother would be glad to take her back home, but that she did not want to go on account of her two sisters.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Licenses was issued yesterday for the marriage of Colin M. Priest, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Priest, of Bladen county, and Miss Beale Smith, daughter of Mrs. Penny Smith, of Wilmington.

—By deed filed for record yesterday Woodus Kellum, commissioner, transferred to J. H. Tucker, for \$250, property on south side of Harnett, 66 feet east of Seventh street, 32x133 feet in size.

—Among those going from Maxton on Rev. Wm. Black's transcendent tour over the S. A. L. are Dr. J. D. Qroom, W. S. McNair, Miss Beale McNair, Miss Beale McLean, John Leach, W. R. McKay, M. D. Bright, H. O. McNair, R. M. Williams and Nell Allard.

—Burgaw will erect a monument to the Confederate dead of Pender county. Dr. E. Porter, of Rocky Point, has offered to furnish one-half of the cost of an appropriate shaft if the citizens of the county will raise the other half.

—The United States Civil Service Commission announces an examination at Wilmington on September 14th, to secure eligibles from which to make certification to fill existing vacancies in the position of civil engineer student in the Department of Agriculture, and other similar vacancies as they may occur.

—Messrs. Lowry and Faulkner, the contractors for the public well, now have the pipe down in the City Hall yard a depth of 65 feet. They are now working the drill in an eight or 12 foot formation of limestone under which they are confident they will get an abundant supply of pure, fresh water.

—Fayetteville Observer: "Mr. Malcolm McKensie, one of the owners of the Wood Pine Product Plant in 71st, who had his leg so badly injured in a runaway several weeks ago, and who has been a patient in the Highsmith Hospital since, will leave for his home in New York to-morrow, accompanied by his wife."

SCOTCH COLLIE SAVED HIM.

Former Young Wilmingtonian Had Experience in Louisville, Ky., Last Week.

The following from the Louisville Courier Journal concerning a former young Wilmingtonian, now studying law in Louisville and a son of Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, of this city, will be read with interest by his numerous friends here:

But for a collie licking his face and awakening him from a sound sleep while the house was being burned, Dr. A. D. McClure, of 1697 Everett street, might have been burned to death at an early hour this morning.

Sparks from a passing engine caught the roof of the house, and the dog, which had slept beside McClure's bedside, was awakened by the smoke. Crawling up on his master's bed, he licked his face, seeming to fully realize the dangerous position he was in.

In speaking of his experience, McClure said this morning: "I was awakened by my Scotch collie, Burr, licking my face, and jumping out of bed, found the room full of smoke. Without taking time to dress I ran to the only door of the room, but was cut off here by the flames that were shooting from the walls and ceiling. The house in which McClure was sleeping is the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Oumlock, wife of the late W. W. Oumlock, formerly president of the Louisville Cotton Mills. McClure is now at present at her country home near West Point.

There was a quiet wedding last night at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of the groom's brother, Jackson Greer, Esq., the contracting parties being Mr. Lee Greer, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Laura Jorgensen, of Copenhagen, Denmark.

As the party entered the parlor Mendelsohn's wedding march was being played on the piano by Mrs. Jackson Greer, and Rev. J. G. Black, in a very beautiful and impressive ceremony, pronounced the man and wife one. Miss Gladys Greer acted as flower girl. The groom is a leading photographer of Wilmington, N. C., and the bride is a daughter of a leading dry goods merchant in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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WRECK PROVED FATAL.

Young Darlington Baseball Player Succumbed to Injuries of Thursday.

William McLean, of Cheraw, S. C., one of the four members of the Darlington baseball team in a wreck on the Bennettville branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Thursday, died yesterday afternoon at 2:40 o'clock in Dr. Baker's infirmary in Sumter, S. C., whither he was taken on a special train from Bennettville Friday night. His ankle and thigh were broken, the lower bowels torn and a severe gash cut over his eye. It was seen from the first that he could not survive the injuries. McLean belonged to a prominent family in Cheraw and relatives were with him when he died. He appeared to improve some while at Bennettville, but it was thought best to take him to the infirmary in Sumter. He was accompanied there by Dr. N. W. Hicks, Atlantic Coast Line surgeon.

The other injured players, Fred Stein and J. Whit Wilcox, have been taken to their homes in Darlington, where they are doing well. Neither are seriously injured and will soon be out again.

Mrs. Foghill Married.

Mrs. Coralie Foghill, a lady well known and having a host of friends in Wilmington, was married in Richmond, Va., last week to Mr. George W. Schief, a gentleman well known in Richmond. The marriage took place at the residence of Mr. George Bannister, uncle of the bride, and they left immediately for Baltimore, Md., Oxford, Md., and Seaford, Del. The couple will return the latter part of this week to Richmond, where they will reside. Mr. Schief is connected with the Richmond Times Dispatch.

Mr. Thomas Moyle, manager of the plant, says the mine is filled with water and that the bodies have been recovered. An unusual downpour of rain is reported in the vicinity of the mine this afternoon, much damage being done to property. The flooded mine is the property of the Whitney Reduction Company, of Salisbury and Pittsboro, Pennsylvania, and has been operated by them for a number of years.

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HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Freight Trains on the A. S. H.—Engineer Killed and Three Trains Injured.

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ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.

Mr. W. Hall Moore Had Unpleasant Experience at Wrightsville Yesterday.

Mr. W. Hall Moore, bookkeeper for Messrs. W. H. Springer & Co., had a narrow escape from drowning in front of the Atlantic Yacht Club at Wrightsville Beach early yesterday afternoon. Mr. Moore with a number of other club members were sun-bathing when suddenly he found himself beyond his depth and too far out to reach the shore again. He called to Mr. J. D. Smith, who was also in bathing, that he was beyond his depth and Mr. Smith made an effort to swim out to him, but finding himself about exhausted, he shouted to Mr. V. Hall, another bather closer to the shore, to pass the word to those on the beach, which was quickly done. Janitor Williamson of the club quickly jumped in the life-boat kept on the beach and a request for a volunteer was promptly answered by Mr. John K. Hanby. After considerable difficulty in launching the boat in the heavy surf, the rescuers, their boat half-swamped, reached Mr. Moore and gave him the life preserver. Finally he was gotten in the boat and brought ashore. He was perfectly composed and, though exhausted, walked to the club house from the beach. Another boat was launched by some fishermen, but the life boat had already reached Mr. Moore in the meantime. The escape from drowning was narrow, and Mr. Moore would doubtless not like a repetition of the experience.

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At 4 P. M. a Russian torpedo boat destroyer badly damaged, steamed slowly into Tsingchow and a half hour later the protected cruiser Novik, slightly injured, entered port. No dead were on board either vessel. They took coal and departed at 3 o'clock on the morning of Aug. 12. The battleship Czarevitch arrived at Tsingchow on the night of August 11. Her rudder shaft was broken, and one gun was disabled. Life boats had been used, her masts were badly bent, her funnels twisted out of station. The projectile hit above the water line were covered with makeshift stoppers of wood.

The same night one of the boat destroyers and the cruiser Ashid were five of the crew dead and twelve wounded, attempted to enter Tsingchow, but were kept out by a Japanese mine sweeper. They proceeded to Woo Sang.

The officers of the Czarevitch claim that the Japanese vessels suffered severely during the fighting, as the pursuit of the Czarevitch was maintained for a short time only. Several Japanese cruisers are reported to be now off Shantung promontory, near the entrance to the harbor, watching the Tsingchow harbor.

The German warships at Tsingchow to-night are the cruisers Fuenfzehn-märk, Geier, Hansard and two torpedo boat destroyers. They control the harbor exit absolutely.

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