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Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1911.

In the death of J. P. Caldwell, Wednesday, the state and nation has lost one of its best citizens and gifted editors. For nineteen years he has made The Charlotte Observer one of the best papers of the state. He built it by his untiring efforts, from a small beginning.

According to the custom of our pilgrim fathers who landed on that desolate land and after wandering in the wilderness returned thanks to their Heavenly Father for their supply of food, although scanty, we make tomorrow sacred. We have become a rich people, but ever remember the Thanksgiving example given us several hundred years ago, by those who were not so fortunate as we.

With almost a year intervening between the present time and the time of the next presidential election predictions are like the four winds and likely to be changed. At present one would think Taft, who has made a very able President and is rapidly gaining ground to be the man of the choice of his great party and the probable nominee. To the contrary, some of the best thinkers of our nation have been discussing a recent issue of the outlook and debating if the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt would accept the nomination if tendered him. There is another channel which leads people to think that perhaps Roosevelt will be a Hughes supporter. Neither should we in passing over the names of those who could wield the mighty stick of our nation wisely and well, forget La Follette with his mighty band of followers. It remains only a matter of choice which of these great leaders is chosen for the nomination. As either has the ability to continue our growth as a nation of prosperity and commercial activities. But to say that Taft will be nominated and elected would not be looking through a glass darkly in our estimation.

The End of a Thrilling Story.

Like the conclusion of a thrilling ghostly tale, the story of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr. has gone down into history, and the number of columns in the newspapers which have been set aside to its telling are filled with something new. That Beattie is dead his record is recorded, but there remains thousands who have watched the proceeding from day to day with an eager eye. To these may this be an instructive lesson. Instructive because of the great truths it teaches. His confession removed every doubt, it takes a great responsibility from the shoulders of those whose unpleasant task it was to be his prosecutors. And to even think for a moment of taking the life of an innocent man would be baffling.

That the law is cold and stern is readily seen, but it is fair and necessary, and should be enforced.

We Raise the Question.

We clip the following from the Charlotte Observer:
"The only thing in the world we have against Mr. Underwood is a fear that he can not be elected and we most cordially desire that one of the several Democrats who can be elected shall be chosen for the nomination."

What we most cordially would like to know is who those several Democrats are our honorable contemporary is speaking of when he says "who can be elected. Is it Bryan, he who has thrice been defeated and recently placed his word of honor that he will not accept the nomination if tendered him. Certainly not Bryan. Is it Wilson, the man who plunged into the thickest of the fight in his own beloved state and was overwhelmingly defeated, certainly not Wilson. Is it Champ Clark, the man whom the Nebraskan with his lash the Commoner is fighting, and who will not subdue to his rule? Again we say, certainly it is not Clark. But, for the sake of argument let us fancy it to be Harmony they seek.

We Wait to See.

William Jennings Bryan and Champ Clark are no longer pulling together in the harness. For these many years Clark has been a Bryan supporter, a Bryan follower and a Bryan standpatter. But that Clark has become speaker of the house and is putting his ideas into force. Bryan points out to him his errors and folly. His ideas are to build up harmony which has not existed for many years in the Democratic ranks. Bryan reasons in the Commoner this way: If Speaker Clark conceives his highest duty to be to preserve harmony he will exert his influence to prevent the consideration of any measure upon which the Democrats are decided, the trust question, for instance. In the opinion of the Nebraskan the people need a champion in the house, and he raises the question to whom will the honor go.

If Mr. Clark has the welfare of the Democratic party at heart and believes more in building up the party and keeping it in harmony he is not the man for speaker, neither should he be considered as a probable Democratic nominee for the presidency. Can not the leaders of their party place a man with broader ideals before the people or, has the Commoner brought false acquisitions against Mr. Clark?

We wait to see.

Is Human Life Cheaper Now?

Just a few short years have passed since we voters were told that "Crime stalked the earth like a pestilence," and that the crack of the pistol was more frequent than the song of the mocking bird. The pessimists were in power then, and we voters of North Carolina were told then that the Republicans were the cause of the frequent crack of the pistol and all the crime that was being committed. I was a Democrat in those days and like thousands of others, believed it. Were the laws slack then? If they were, they are slacker now. Was human life cheap then? If it was, it is cheaper now.

How we sat on our "honkers" and shouted when Mr. Aycock made the above charge and swore he was right. Every crime and homicide that was committed back in those days was charged up to the (as Joe Daniels would say) "dirty, incompetent rascals."

How is it today? The Democrats have been in power for about thirteen years, and you cannot pick up a daily or weekly paper but what some dreadful crime has been committed. If the Republicans were to blame then, are not the Democrats to blame now? Everything happened in those days was charged up to the Republicans and Joe Daniels swore to it every morning in his News and Observer. Have you ever heard anything said about the wholesale crime that has been committed since the Democrats have been in and is being committed at this very hour? Not one word. This very

is as dumb as an oyster and Aycock is pail behind the gills.

I was prompted to write this article from reading an Editorial which appeared in Josephus' News and Observer of Nov. 18. I will give in full. The News and Observer says:

"The Lumberton correspondent of the Wilmington Star quotes Judge Carter as having said to the grand jury of Robeson county that during the past five years there had been a greater number of homicides and murders in Robeson county, with its population of fifty thousand, than in the dominion of Canada, with its population of six million.

"This statement is one that should cause pause and shows there is need of a crusade to make people have a greater regard for human life. Somebody said not long ago that in parts of this country human life was the cheapest product. It ought to be the most precious and conserved more than any other. The responsibility cannot be said to rest alone anywhere. The courts and juries are not responsible, but they could perhaps lessen it if the convictions for crime are more general and punishment more certain. It is not that punishment should be severe, but that it should be certain."

Now, dear readers, what do you think of the above? More homicides and murders committed in one county in North Carolina in the past five years than the whole dominion of Canada. I have no apologies to make, for the Populist party are the pessimists, except they were not as slick as the Democrats. But readers, what do you think of the court that is in power today? Think it over, and ask yourself the question: "Whither are we drifting?"

I'll have more to say later.

—Ex-Democrat.

M. P. Conference Meet.

The Methodist Protestant conference which has been in session at Henderson have stationed their preachers for the coming year as follows:

Albemarle, A. H. Bryson; Alamance, W. M. Pike; Ashboro, T. M. Johnson; Asheville and Buncombe, W. D. Fogleman; Burlington, Thomas E. Davis; Caldwell, H. D. Garmon; Caroleen, H. W. Brasswell; Cleveland, W. D. Reed; Concord, A. A. Lindley; Davidson, J. W. Hullin; Denton, D. A. Braswell; Effland, Homer Casto; Fairview, J. R. Hutton; Flatrock, W. F. Kennett; Forsyth, T. A. Williams; Gaston, D. M. Loy; Graham and Haw River, G. L. Curry; Granville, N. G. Bettea; Greensboro, T. J. Ogburn; Greenville and Spring church, W. F. Ashburn; Guilford, T. A. Plyler; Halifax, J. E. Pritchard; Haw River, C. E. M. Raper; Henderson, J. D. Williams; High Point, A. G. Dixon; Ivy, S. B. Stevens; LaGrange, J. H. Abernathy; Lebanon, J. H. Moton; Liberty, Robert L. Troxler; Lincoln, L. H. Hutty; Littleton, J. A. Ledbetter; Mebane, C. J. Edwards; Mecklenburg, W. P. Martin; Mocksville, D. A. Highfill; Monroe, J. W. Self; Hermon, R. G. Lawdner; Oak Ridge, W. R. Lawdner; Orange, R. C. Stubbins; Pinnacle and Mt. Zion, A. L. Hunter; Randleman, J. B. O'Brien; Randolph, W. C. Lassiter; Richlands, C. H. Whitaker; Roanoke, C. L. Whitaker; Rockingham, J. F. Dosier; Rocky Mount, C. W. Bates; Saxapahaw, G. W. Holmes; Siler City, J. H. Bowman; Stanley, G. L. Reynolds; St. Paul, G. F. Millaway; Tabernacle, C. A. Cecil; Thomasville, Edward Suits; Unwharrie, Joel Trogen; Vance, John A. Burgess; Waynot, J. H. Stoeber; Winston, S. W. Taylor; East Winston, S. M. Needham; Yarbore, W. A. Lemay; Yadkin College, H. L. Powell; Welch Memorial, D. R. Williams.

The next annual meeting of this conference will be held at this place.

Rev. J. D. Andrew, J. R. Hoffman, D. S. Hall, Byron Andrew and J. E. Foust went to Saxapahaw Sunday evening, making the trip in Mr. Hoffman's car, where Rev. Andrew preached to the Juniors and Daughters of Liberty. The trip and sermon were both very much enjoyed.



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Carolina Dog Wins.

Waynesboro, Ga., Nov. 27.—The annual field trial of the Continental Field Trial Club began here today with the membership state, in which there were twelve starters. One of the features of this stake is that owners must handle their own dogs or have an amateur handle them. The stake was won by Pinehurst, N. C., and handled by Leonard Tufts, of Pinehurst, N. C., and handled by U. M. Fleischmann, of New York. Upton Archie, a setter owned and handled by Russell Perkins, of Poffet, Conn. was second and Lady Idol, a setter owned and handled by G. C. Parsons, of New York, was 3rd. The open derby, which probably will have eighteen starters, will begin tomorrow. The grounds are in good condition and birds were found in good numbers today. The judges were W. G. Hurdley, of Callands, Va., and G. I. Walker, Brunswick, Ga.

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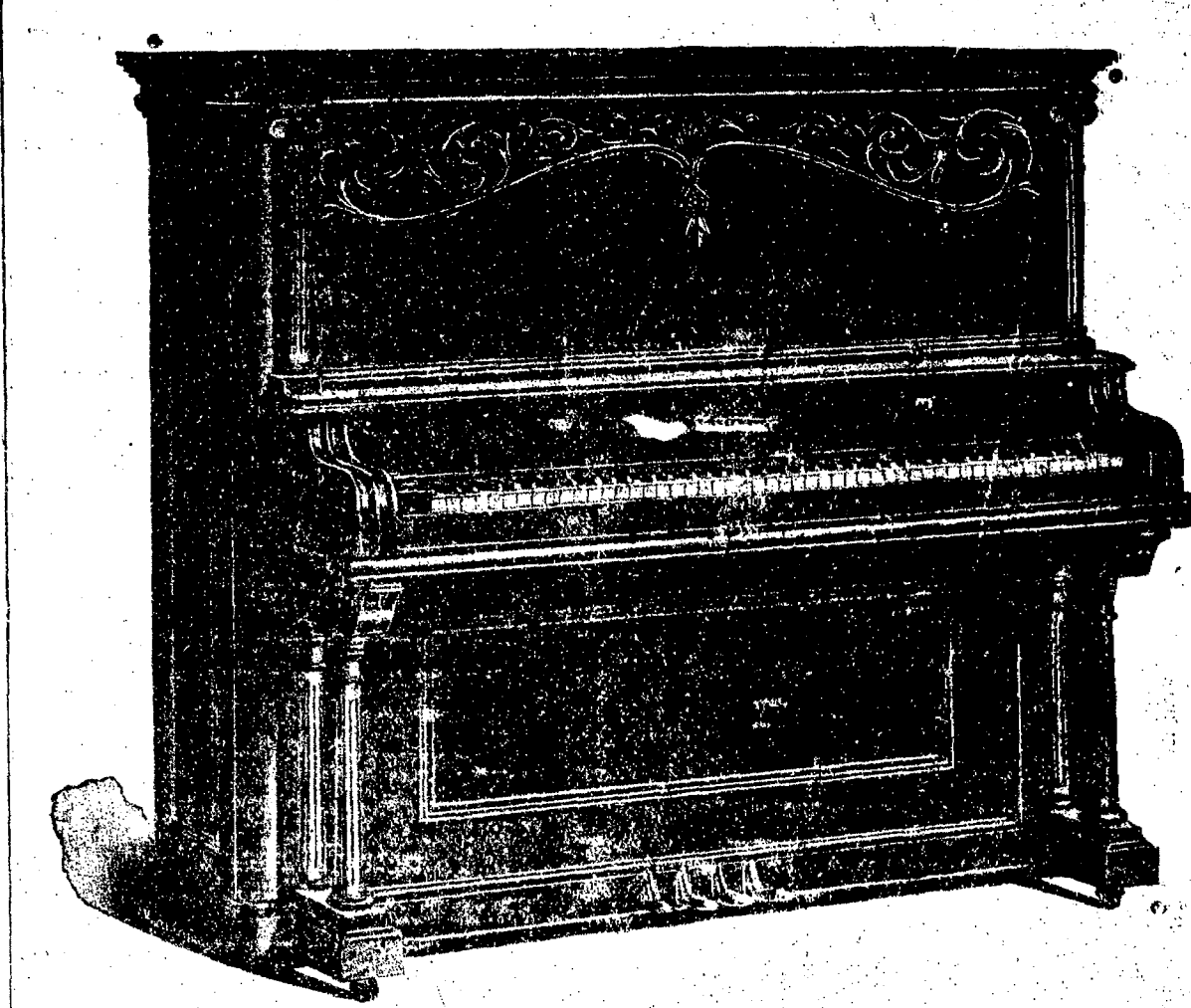
F. Nash, Monroe Oliver, Charles Sweeney, Ernest Simpson, J. E. Scott, C. C. Taylor, The Wall-Hush, Hwd. Co., C. P. Williams, Alix Waddell, J. T. West (2), Hugh Anderson, Jerry Boggs, W. M. Boland, Cal Clapp, Joe Caldwell, John Gattis, Jno. Hodge, Jers. Hath (col.), Jas. M. Hazell, Jno. Harber (col.), Geo. Jones & Son, Harvey King, S. Lomon, J. C. Lloyd, Lindsays Estate, J. E. Latham, Luther McCrackley, Thos. Malone.

LADIES:

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