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Now that the Sultan has granted a constitution all that is needed for the peace of the world is for Roosevelt to lay down the Big Stick.

Mrs. Taft laughed at the phonograph speech. Otherwise she would have gone to sleep.

Four negroes were lynched in Kentucky recently to the same tree. That's the Kentucky method of disfranchisement.

### Bryan and Brownsville.

Those who are inclined to misrepresent Mr. Bryan as condemning the action of President Roosevelt in the malodorous Brownsville affair are either unfamiliar with the facts in the case or they ignore their existence altogether.

The best authority upon this mooted point is Mr. Bryan himself and the time at which it may logically be supposed Mr. Bryan expressed his real views when the discussion was fresh and at its height.

The Constitution reproduced an extract from Mr. Bryan's "Commoner" under the heading "The President Sustained By the Facts." The date of the issue in which this editorial expression appears is December 14 1906, more than eighteen months ago at a time when the presidential candidacy of Mr. Bryan was not even in an embryo state and when the "shooting-up" of Brownsville was a real topic for controversy and not a dead issue galvanized into life for perverted partisan use.

One sentence of the expert states Mr. Bryan's attitude with unmistakable cleaverness. "It is inconceivable," he says "that fair-minded people should criticize the president for attempting to relieve the military service of the menace of a body of troops whose members will shield a group of criminals."

In common justice the people of the south and of the nation should give credit to these expressions from Mr. Bryan's own pen before condemning him or even questioning his attitude upon ex. parte and prejudicial evidence.—Atlanta Constitution.

## Explanation.

Our Republican contemporaries, incapable of argument and at a loss for news are filling their columns with the usual canard about Bryan serving fried chicken to the negroes at Lincoln.

We congratulate the Republicans on their imagination and would commiserate their lack of truthfulness if they had not already overtaxed us in that line Bryan never entertained the negroes at Lincoln or anywhere else but the G. O. P. band wagon being Gehenna bent with the levil laying a hold of the tongue and Taft agily riding the wheels the brakes being broken and Sherman bringing up the rear amid cuss-words and consternation, something must be done to divert the minds of the aforesaid vehicles occupants.  
Hence this lie.

## The Guaranteed Bank.

If there are, among our readers, any or many compeled to deprive themselves of their home paper or other necessities by the untimely capsizing of a bank containing their reserve funds we want to call their attention to that portion of the Democratic platform relating to banks.

Out in Oklahoma where the people in addition to other things have laid their hands on the government they have a law which prevents loss if a bank fails. Out there a bank to secure a charter must deposit a certain amount with the state treasurer. These amount of the banks form a fund that is used to repay depositor if a bank fails. Under this system loss to the depositor is impossible. We have a multitude of laws for protecting the banker but this is the only one extant that protets the depositor.

This is the law Mr. Bryan advocates and Mr. Taft condemns. Thinking people can see which of the two has the interests of the people at heart.

## Reading Room.

When things go wrong with a farmer he can beat his mule when a lawyer feels blue he can sue the the railroads, when a minister gets exasperated he can preach a long sermon, when a physician angry he can prescribe castor oil for a patient but when an Editor hits a stumbling block he can only go into print and say things.

We have expended much time and energy in urging through our columns that the people turn in and support the Library and especially aid in establishing a reading room there. The only thing appaent we have raised has been an echo. We cannot understand such apathy. If it was but undersood how much benefit the Reading Room would be to the town (and particularly to the young folks) we are sure something would be done.

The Democrat pledge itself at least to donate two periodicals and much hot air to the cause. And we are not going to let the subject rest till we have worn our stub-pen and sounded the depths of our lung capacity.

From Nashville American.

"Roosevelt, not content with annoying and disturbing the commercial peace of the country to the cost of more than a billion dollars, now wants to bother us with Julian Ward Howe's Battle Hymn of the Republic which is no battle hymn at all, but merely the over-religious out-burst of a fanatic in all things, and does not impress any but those who have been taught to believe on certain limited lines. The Chinese might be influenced to adopt Mrs Howe's words as their battle hymn, but Dixie will do us down here, with the old rebel yell as a chorus. The South does not want any battle hymn of Mrs. Howe's conception, nor Roosevelt's suggestion."

The main defect in the Georgia penitentiary is that it doesn't contain Watson and Graves.

## Notes From Gunpowder.

Correspondent to the Democrat.

The "starving time" is over now as we have plenty of fruit and melons. There has been most too much rain for fruit drying. We are glad to see the sunshine again. The crops are looking well, but needing sunshine.

Some of our horse traders are off at Wilkesboro and Morganton this week.

A good many are hauling melons to Lenoir and some to Blowing Rock.

We were very sorry to hear of the seemingly very untimely death of Mrs. W. E. Holbrook, wife of the editor of the Democrat. It is hard for us to reconcile ourselves to such dispensations of Providence. We only see through a glass darkly as it were, now, but by and by we shall see face to face and be able to understand what these sore earthly trials were for We extend deepest sympathy to the bereaved husband and relatives.

L. S. Sherrill and family of Hickory came over Sunday on a visit, Mrs. Sherrill and children remaining until Tuesday.

Mrs. W. P. Hass whose illness was spoken of in a previous article has had a relapse, but is now slowly recovering again. She is very weak and delicate yet.

Miss Barbary Clay, while peeling apples one day last week, had what seemed to be a partial stroke of paralysis. She got cold and speechless, but by the timely assistance of friends in applying remedies she soon rallied and is now most as well as usual.

Gus Starnes who has been employed at Lenoir came home last week with a case of mumps. He is about straight again.

We are glad to report very little sickness of a serious nature just now.

The annual protracted meeting for Rocky Mount will begin the 5th Sunday in August and very likely continue till the following Sunday. Rev. P. L. Terrell, of Morganton circuit a former pastor is expected to assist in the meeting. We look forward to this occasion with bright anticipations.

Lenox.

## Brookford Items.

Correspondent to the Democrat

J. Lee Dockery who has been with us for some time has moved with his family to Dan River cotton mill Danville Va.

A. M. Davis has gone with his two daughters to spend a month on their farm near North Wilkesboro. Mr. Davis has an abundance of fruit and expect to do a great deal of canning while at home. One of his daughters has been in ill health for some time, it is hoped that a month in the mountains will benefit her.

Miss Pearl Nicholson and little sister Johnie have returned from a two weeks visit to their sister Mrs. M. A. Hinson at Kannapolis N. C.

Dr. A. D. Abernethy a young dentist spent four days in professional work here last week. Dr. Abernethy expects to spend a part of his time with us until the first of October, when he will go to Atlanta Ga., to take a special course in dentistry.

A guard house has been aded to our town, in the last week chief of police Warren accomodated all those to a nights lodging who imbibe to freely of new

## brandy.

Ed Mitchel who has been ill with fever is improving.

A. L. Agner our new overseer of weaving is spending a few days with his family in Burlington. He expects to move his family here on or about the 15th.

Abee and Edwards has completed a new dam and are now moving their machinery to Hickory.

Pink Bright an engineer in one of the coal mines in West Va., came home a month ago in ill health. He has returned to his former job much improved in health.

Our clever secretary W. H. Shurford spent Saturday night and Sunday at Blowing Rock. At this writing it is not sure how he got there but as he has no horse and buggy the suposition is he walked or went by rail.

C. L. N.

## Conover Letter.

Correspondence to The Democrat.

Several cases of fever have occurred at this place, but all the patients are recovering. Mr. P. E. Yount has had the worst spell, and his was typhoid. His sister Mrs. Muhly wife of the Rev. H. Muhly, died of fever in Lancaster Va., about the last of June.

Permit me to concur in the regret so fitly spoken in the Democrat in regard to the death of the wife of its worthy editor. It was my privilege to know her in the past two years. Her intelligence, correct sentiment, and amiable social bearing were notable. Her loss will be deeply felt for many days.

Francis Mennen, who married Miss Vertna Bolick a year ago, has recently moved from Lafayette, Ind., to Conover.

Misses Eula and Mariam Yount daughters of Dr. Mac Yount, are visiting friends in Washington, D. C.

Aug. 28 to 30 the Lutheran Augustana Conference will be in convention at Augustana church some two miles south of Hickory. One of the subjects for public discussion will be Godliness and Piety compared.

About half a dozen persons who dwell at Conover attended the institute and school for teachers at Newton. The manifest interest in this school shows that it was needed. The diligent labors of these who taught it were despised. There can be no doubt that something of value was done to help the cause of teaching in our county.

The school for white teachers was taught in the graded school building for three weeks. Of this time one week was also devoted to teaching the negro teachers at the courthouse. One course of lessons was in pedagogy, or the art of teaching. Every art is based on principles. Education is an art of the highest class. Its principles are derived from psychology, the science of the powers and activities of the human mind. Dr. E. E. White says that "Education as an art is based primarily on the nature of the being educated."

Editor Click has come out in full force and fascination against an article we clipped from the "World's Work." We expect to see the latter paper take to cover in the presence of such an antagonist.

We wonder if Teddy will OK those phonograph speeches of Taft.

Subscribe for the Democrat.

## Boone Items.

Correspondence to The Democrat.

The Republican of Watauga met on the 1st inst and nominated the following ticket: For the Legislature, M. H. Norris, for sheriff James C. Harman, for Treasurer, W. N. Thomas, for Register, R. W. Gragg, for Coroner, Tuckey Weaver, for County Commissioners, L. A. Greene, Emsley Eggers and T. A. Day.

The sudden death of W. Vilas Cottrell at the home of his brother on Thursday night has cast a gloom of sadness over this community. Vilas was the son of C. J. Cottrell who lived in this neighborhood all his life till last spring when he moved to Washington College, Tenn. Young Mr. Cottrell was twenty one, a clever, well beloved, popular young man.

The oil people at most are having trouble in keeping their drilling tools to cutting a straight hole. They are now 700 feet.

Register of Deeds May has just finished making out the taxes. He gets nearly \$20,000 on his books. The poll tax was computed at \$2.00.

The new boarding house for boys is rapidly approaching completion. The location is beautiful, the plan of the house convenient and the appearance very commanding.

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A. M.

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