

Senator Tillman's enemies may now proceed to take fresh courage; it seems that he is to write a book.

An interesting batch of news-letters from the A. & M. College, Raleigh, goes to the waste basket for the reason that we do not know who wrote them. People who send checks to the banks and communications to the newspapers should not expect them to be honored unless they bear the author's signature. It would have pleased THE GAZETTE to use the A. & M. correspondence had the writer attached his name to the letter.

The mass-meeting in the city hall Tuesday night to consider the preliminaries for the Fourth of July celebration made a good start. The committee on program was instructed to tender an invitation to Governor Glenn to deliver the principal address, and this feature alone would insure the attendance of a big crowd. This however is merely a beginning of the list of attractions that will make the event notable. There was unanimous sentiment in favor of making the event a county demonstration that should surpass all of the county's previous efforts in celebrating the Fourth of July, and to this end real business will begin next Thursday night at the county mass-meeting to which every section of Gaston is urged to send representatives.

The almanac presents the reminder that to-day, March 30th, is the Editor's birthday and also that it has been fifteen years

since he first took charge of THE GAZETTE. Gastonia then had about 1,000 population; it now has within the corporate limits an approximate population of 8,000, with suburban communities of 2,000 to 4,000 additional. Gaston county then had 17,000 people, it now has by conservative estimate, at least twice that number. The tax valuations then amounting in round numbers to \$3,000,000, now equal, if they do not exceed, three times that sum. The fact that THE GAZETTE has had a part, however humble it may have been, in this building of a great county, affords one of the most pleasing reflections of this anniversary day.

On the fourth page of to-day's paper is an eminently readable sketch of John D. Rockefeller, the man who long ago staked his wits against his fellow-men, corporations, courts and governments, and has won his battles by accumulating one of the greatest fortunes this earth ever knew. He has just beaten the courts and officers again by successfully dodging subpoenas. He is truly one of the world's remarkable men, and the sketch we print of him is one of compelling interest. We have already printed sketches of Chas. M. Schwab, who was a multimillionaire at 44, of Senator Tillman, now one of the nation's most able and conspicuous men, and of the great Alexander-Torrey revival meetings in Philadelphia. If you have missed reading any of these sketches, you have missed some of the most engaging topics of current interest.

GET READY FOR THE FOURTH.

Attracting more attention now than at any time in her history, Gaston county must not fail at any point in making this year's Fourth of July celebration the greatest yet attempted. To her fame as a manufacturing community, she has added prestige by her progress in temperance,

religious work, schools, commerce and internal improvements. Her people have cause to be proud of the county's record, and the citizenship of the county should be ready to a man to fall in line this year and fittingly celebrate Independence Day.

It is time for preparations to begin. It is desired by many to make the first week in July the "Old Home Week", for the scattered sons and daughters of Gaston county. They are to be located, notified, and invited. The progress of the county is to be typified and presented in striking form—in moral, intellectual, and material things. To make this celebration what it should be will require the combined thought, effort, and enthusiastic co-operation of all the progressive citizens of the county. And to this end they are urged to attend the general mass-meeting in Gastonia next Thursday night. Let not a town or township fail to send representatives.

A SOUTHERN MAN FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

The declaration of Judge Altou B. Parker in his Charlotte address in favor of nominating a Southern man for the Presidency has attracted the attention of newspapers and public men the country over. The position of leadership given to him with the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, the self-vindicating sanity of his unbrilliant but constantly wise utterances in his unsuccessful campaign for the office, and the locality in which he spoke caused his declaration to be received with far more interest than if it had been made by an ordinary citizen.

Whether considered as a matter of practical politics or as a mere phantom of compliment, the suggestion is naturally pleasing to the Southern mind. If one should shake his head in a

negative way at the mention of such a thing, there is Judge Parker's well-made contention that a Southern man could hardly be worse beaten than he himself was. As a matter of practical politics, then, why shouldn't a Southern man be selected for the sacrifice or for the triumph?

There is a feeling in the South as well as in the North that it is yet too soon to expect a Southern man to be elected to the Presidency. That feeling is likely to remain until Democrats North and South get used to voting for a Southern man for President. A start must be made some time; there must be an outside row in every field. If the next campaign should be unsuccessful, it could hardly be less so than the last, and it would at least serve the purpose of disarming groundless antipathy toward Southern men—it would be an outside row.

But how about the measure as a matter of good politics? If the Democratic party ever wins another national victory, it must win it over a disintegrated Republican party in the northern states. Men like Bailey, Williams, Tillman, Simmons, Overman, Aycock, Folk and a long line of other strong, honest and safe public men in the South would win the confidence of Northern voters and disintegrate the solid Republican North about as successfully as the Northern Democrats have been disintegrating it. It is not unlikely that Northern voters would the sooner support these Southern leaders than those whom they so continuously distrust at home.

Again, what would be thought of the sanity of the Republican party, if it should leave its victorious ranks in the Northern states to choose a Presidential candidate from Texas! Yet the Democratic party, face to face with the question whether it shall choose a leader from its beaten battalions or from its seasoned and victorious hosts,

is asked to hesitate in its choice. Finally, the opening of the Panama canal and the completion of railway lines from the coal, grain and provision centres to the sea, will shortly build up great seaports on the Southern coasts, and these with the new wealth in higher priced cotton, in the South's wonderful trucking resources, and in her ever-increasing manufacturing industries, will give to the Southern states and Southern leaders a prestige in material attainments which cannot long be ignored in public affairs.

TO GASTON VETERANS.

For Crosses of Honor Get Application Blanks at Once.

All veterans of Gaston county who desire crosses of honor, will please call at once for application blanks.

These can be obtained from Mrs. T. L. Craig, President Gastonia Chapter U. D. C., or Mr. L. Miles Hoffman, Commander Wm. Gamble Camp U. C. V.

Remember veterans, that these Crosses of Honor are gifts from the United Daughters of the Confederacy, with no expense to you whatever attached to them. But as all blanks must be filled out, and handed in before the fifteenth of April you will please kindly give this matter your prompt attention.

FOR CROSSES OF HONOR.

Capt. Holland and Col. Wilson Appointed to Pass an Application.

Dallas, N. C., March 28, 1906.—At the suggestion of Mrs. T. L. Craig, President of the Gastonia Chapter of the U. D. C., I hereby appoint Capt. J. Q. Holland and R. N. Wilson as members of Wm. Gamble Camp of United Confederate Veterans to endorse applications to said Chapter for crosses of honor, and to furnish to said Chapter such information concerning such applications as may be needed. L. M. HOFFMAN, Commander Wm. Gamble Camp U. C. Veterans.

For Treasurer.

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