

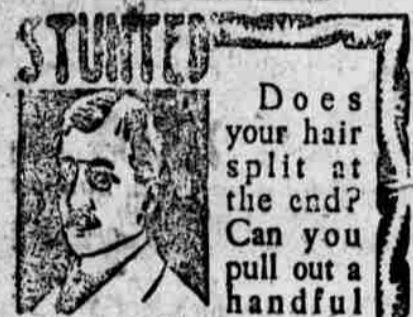
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The first issue of Mr. Bryson's paper, The Concorder, was to have appeared yesterday.



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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

Shakespeare held up to the suspicion of all future ages the man who protests too much and too often. Just now Senator Hanna is that man. He is once more protesting that the Ship Subsidy bill will put no money in his pocket, and that stories of his being interested in Steamship lines that will profit by the measure, if it can be jammed through, are wicked calumnies.

The Senate is still hammering away at the Army Reorganization bill, but it is probable that it will be passed this week. By the aid of a few republicans, the democrats succeeded in getting an amendment adopted making volunteer officers eligible to appointment to the grade of Captain in the regular army, as well as that of lieutenant.

Why the bosses of the House have allowed the debate on the River and Harbor bill, which everybody expected to pass several days ago, to drag on until this afternoon, when it closed, is one of the legislative puzzles of the week. Inasmuch as it was well known from the first that the bill was to pass, it is quite certain that the delay has been for a purpose, although the purpose is not yet apparent.

Hon. Bird S. Coler, the Comptroller of New York City, spent a day or two in Washington in the interest of Hon. David B. Hill, as the democratic candidate for President in 1904. Contrary to custom, Mr. Coler publicly announced that the object of his visit to Washington was to get Senators and Representatives to promise their support to Mr. Hill. He heard many kind words for Mr. Hill, who has many friends in both branches of Congress, but few, if any, democrats in Congress care to commit themselves to any candidate so far in advance.

Senator Bacon said of the dangerous power vested in the President by the Army Reorganization bill, which is still before the Senate: "The passage of this bill will mark an epoch in the United States. Senators may scoff, but it is nevertheless true that the passage of a bill by which the President shall control the size of the army, is a march toward empire. It is a great revolution that will be effected when the bill is put upon the statute books. It is the evident purpose of the bill to eliminate for all time the volunteer system from the military establishment of the country, and create for all time a great standing army. The issue is not to be evaded. Shall it be in the future the province of the President to raise armies, or shall it be the province of Congress? I should rather see the party I belonged to condemned to universal and never-ending banishment from political power, than to see such an authorization of power placed upon the statute books."

Blows to Atoms.

The old idea that the body sometimes needs a powerful drastic purgative pill has been exploded, for Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are perfectly harmless, gently stimulates liver and bowels to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system and absolutely cure constipation and sick headache. Only 25c at Blackburn's.

Many of those who voted for the Committee bill are glad of the throw down given the majority of the House Census Committee, when its bill was knocked out, and the Burleigh substitute Reapportionment bill, which has since passed the Senate and is now in Mr. McKinley's hands, was passed by the House by the large majority of 63. While partisan politics were not introduced during the discussion, the fact that the committee bill was supported by practically all of the republican bosses in the House, made its defeat a black eye for them.

Just before the House passed the usual resolution appropriating \$10,000 for the employment of extra policemen, etc., for Mr. McKinley's second inauguration, Representative Bell, of Colo., took occasion to put himself on record as opposing the appropriation of one cent of public money to pay for anything connected with the inauguration show. He pointed out facts, well known to most of his hearers, such as the usual profit made by the local committee having charge of the inauguration, from the sale of tickets to stand erected on government reservations, and tickets to the inaugural ball, held in the United States Pension Building. He also called attention very emphatically to the payment of \$70,000 in salaries to employes of the Pension office for enforced holidays, made necessary by the decoration of the building for the last inaugural ball, an expense which he pointed out will be incurred at the coming inauguration. Mr. Bell expressed the opinion that those who profited, and not the general government, should pay the expenses of Presidential inaugurations.

Dr. Robert M. Colman, a native of Washington, who has been a Surgeon in the Chinese Customs Service for fifteen years, is visiting his old home. That he hasn't a high opinion of Minister Conger may be judged from the following remarks made by him: "Conger is about as capable as any country farmer would have been had he been placed in that important position. If it had not been for Conger and Sir Claude Macdonald, the British Minister, we would never have had the trouble we did. They listened to the Chinese Foreign Office, instead of heeding information from their own trustworthy officials. Conger does not understand his business. The government here made itself the laughing stock of the other powers by trying to have negotiations removed from Peking, on Conger's recommendation."

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Caldwell Letter.

Editor Democrat.

It has been so long since I wrote anything for your paper that I am almost ashamed of myself for such neglect. As usual, I am very busy. I look after my farm; have tried to serve four churches the past year, traveling over 100 miles per month to reach my appointments, and am now engaged in school teaching. I am teaching at High Briten Academy, with an average of 40 pupils per month so far. The term will be about four months. It is one of the most satisfactory schools I ever taught. Most of the pupils are sufficiently advanced to make it interesting. Then I am frequently called away to funerals and marriages. I united three couples in marriage during the Xmas holidays, and I think that was my share. So you see that I am rather wearing out than rusting out, and I think that is better.

So far the winter has been mild and the roads good, and the lumber business continues to be the occupation of the day. The health of the people is good except colds. The Xmas holidays passed off quietly with a few exceptions and people are settling down to business again. The schools, I think, are rather better attended than usual. Most of our churches are cold or indifferent. We were not blessed with any very great revivals the past year. I hope the present year may be more fruitful in revivals than the past, and to that end preachers and people ought to pray and work.

There cannot be any lasting, material prosperity without a corresponding spiritual advancement. Material prosperity with religious declension produces skepticism. People forget the source from which their blessings come—forget even their dependence on God. Great temporal prosperity is to be feared unless there is religious growth also. Then it will not be long until temporal prosperity will be withheld, if we neglect the spiritual. Amid our prosperity, let us not forget God, the church and religion.

I read the DEMOCRAT with undiminished interest. I am always glad to hear how things are going on in Watauga, and rejoice in the success of Watauga Academy and every other good work in your section. As to my family, we are all in Caldwell except James and Janie. James is packing a ranger in Southern California, and Janie is taking a course of training at Saint Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem Pa. She hopes to graduate next summer. Success to the Editor and all the readers of the DEMOCRAT.

I. W. THOMAS.

Lenoir, N. C.

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One Hundred Years Ago.

One hundred years ago a man could not take a ride on a steamboat.

He could not go from Washington to New York in a few hours.

He had never seen an electric light or dreamed of an electric car.

He could not send a telegram.

He could not talk through the telephone and he had never heard of the 'hello' girl.

He couldn't ride on a bicycle.

He could not call in a stenographer and dictate a letter.

He had never received a type written letter.

He had never heard of the germ theory or worried over bacilla and bacteria.

He never looked pleasant before a photographer or had his picture taken.

He never heard a phonograph talk or saw a kinetoscope turn out a prize fight.

He never saw through a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary with the aid of a Roentgen ray.

He had never taken a ride in an elevator.

He had never imagined such a thing as a type-setting machine or a type-writer.

He had never used anything but a wooden plough.

He had never seen his wife using a sewing machine.

He had never struck a match on his pants or anything else.

He couldn't take an anesthetic and have his leg cut off without feeling it.

He had never purchased a ten cent magazine which would have been regarded as a miracle of art.

He could not buy a paper for a cent and learn everything that had happened the day before all over the world.

He had never seen a McCormick reaper or a self-binding harvester.

He had never crossed an iron bridge.

In short, there were several things he did not know.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

A Prominent Chicago Woman Speaks.

Prof. Roxie Tyler, of Chicago, Vice President Illinois Woman's Alliance, in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy says: "I suffered with a severe cold this winter which threatened to run into pneumonia. I tried different remedies but I seemed to grow worse and the medicine upset my stomach. A friend advised me to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and I found it was easy to take and it relieved me at once. I am now entirely recovered, saved a doctor's bill time and suffering, and will never be without this medicine again." For sale by Blackburn.

The Legislature will also deserve our thanks for what it leaves undone.—Durham Herald.

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In Memoriam.

Sister Nancy C. Wike, the subject of this short memorial, was born Jan. 24th, '62, and died Sept. 16, 1900, at the age of 38 years, 7 mos. and 23 days.

She professed faith in Christ and joined the church in August, 1875, at the early age of 13 years, and was, therefore, a member about 25 years, and lived a most pious, christian life, in honor to the profession she had made in early life.

She was a great sufferer for several years of her life, but bore it with great patience and meekness and seemed to realize that it was the Lord's will and that she desired His will to be done.

But in her departure the church realized a great stroke and loss, nevertheless we should be resigned to the Master's will for it is her eternal gain. And we, like David, of old, should say in our hearts: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." Oh, when will we meet our sister there, away in that happy land so fair, and our loved ones we'll meet on that happy shore where partings shall never be known no more.

L. M. TRIVETT,
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Many persons have had the experience of Mr. Peter Sherman, of North Stratford, N. H., who says, "For years I have suffered torture from chronic indigestion, but Kodol Dyspepsia Cure made a well man of me." It digests what you eat and is a certain cure for dyspepsia and every form of stomach trouble. It gives relief at once even in the worst cases, and can't help but do you good. Moretz and Farthing, Johnson and Buchanan.

Mr. Robert Lindsay, High Point, has bought the Mt. Vernon hotel in Salisbury, says the Sun. The price is said to be \$15,000.

If troubled with a weak digestion, belching, sour stomach, or if you feel dull after eating, try Chamberlain's Liver and Stomach Tablets. Price 25c. Samples free at Blackburn's.

The county commissioners of Sampson county and the town council of Clinton have refused to grant liquor license and the county of Sampson is now dry, so called.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

How To Find Out. Fill a bottle of common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

What To Do. There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up often during the night, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail, address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper.