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TWO WEEKS FROM TO-DAY—THE WORK BEING DONE—DEMOCRATIC DUTY.

The Democratic campaign in North Carolina is in full swing and will continue until the day of election. The Governor and both of the Senators are on the stump almost daily and are doing woman service. The candidates for the governorship and the other State offices are likewise proclaiming the political truth, by day and by night. The candidates for Congress, for the Legislature and the county offices, are talking to the people daily and nightly, and the candidates for presidential elector are adding their voices to the tumult. All in all, there is a good deal of politics in the State, and nothing is lacking to constitute a full-fledged campaign. Mr. Glenn is making a notable canvass for the governorship—notable for its brilliancy, and for its effectiveness in awaking the people—fulfilling the promises made for him by the friends who advocated his nomination. Judge Winston, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, is living up fully to his reputation as a persuasive and entertaining stump orator, as is Dr. Dixon, candidate for State Auditor, so well known for his convincing argumentation and general attractiveness as a public speaker. The other candidates for State offices, Mr. Gilmer, Mr. Grim, et al., are making the most of their opportunity, and there is a host of other speakers on the stump. Candidates for solicitor, for corporation commissioner, volunteers, who are running for nothing—an innumerable company. If the people are not informed upon the political issues, it will be their own fault.

And in all directions the skies are bright. It is only a question of the majority by which Mr. Glenn and his ticket will be elected and by which Judge Parker will carry the State. The situation in the eighth and tenth congressional districts is daily improving for Mr. Newland and Mr. Guder, and there is good assurance that the Democrats will return ten Representatives to the next Congress and have a three-fourths majority in the Legislature. The control of the counties is of great consequence, and the Democrats should abandon none which they might by any possibility carry.

We are urging all Democrats to turn out to the polls on the 8th of November and vote their party ticket from top to bottom. We all know it has been demonstrated, that Democratic government is best for North Carolina—best for Democrats and Republicans; for white and black; that any other government is almost intolerable. There is crying need for a change in the administration of the government in Washington; for a change in the executive and legislative departments of that government. Therefore, the obligation that rests upon us to support the Democratic candidates for Presidential elector and for Congress. But our first duty is to home. We can bear only our part of the responsibility for national affairs, and that we should, but North Carolina is all our own, and we should see to it that in its executive, legislative and judicial departments, in its county court houses and everywhere, the Democratic party remains dominant, for it is best for all the people that this should be so.

THE WAR.

The close of another week in the Manchurian campaign found the opposing armies practically resting on their own, facing each other on the line of the Shasha river. A cessation of the hard fighting came on the eleventh day (last Thursday), heavy rains, consequent bad roads, temporary shortage of ammunition and the fatigue of the troops contributing to bring about the lull. While there has been desultory fighting since, the main armies have been resting, the commanders taking advantage of the period to make new disposition of forces and in preparation for a decisive struggle, which may come almost any day. The Russian losses during the eleven days' fighting are said to have reached the enormous total of sixty thousand. The Japanese losses have not been reported, but they are presumed to have been much smaller. The Japs have captured a great amount of arms and munitions of war, and altogether have much reason to be satisfied with the results to date. Cold weather is causing much suffering to both armies.

An entire new and important situation apart from the theatre of war, which was given in the Monday morning papers, developed Sunday in the South Sea, when the Russian Baltic fleet on a fleet of English fishing boats. The offense is in its nature an act of war and interest centers in the movements of the next twenty-four hours.

President Roosevelt is evidently one of those persons who believes that in a contest at least the end justifies the means. Which paragraph is from the Charleston News and Courier and which is from the Raleigh Times? The contest has been developed.

THE LOGIC OF THE PROPOSITION.

One of the standard statements of the Republicans is that the Democratic party is not capable of giving government to the country. Upon this head the Springfield, Mass., Republican, a conservative and conscientious paper, which has more sense as well as more conscience than many of its fellow party men, observes:

"To keep along indefinitely on the assumption that the Democrats are not fit to govern is about the same as saying that substantially one-half of the American people are not fit for self-government. It is an assumption that gravely reflects upon the country as a whole, for if one-half the people in a democracy are not fit to rule, then the democracy itself cannot endure."

Well said. But, moreover, a few days ago The Raleigh Times remarked—and it was fortified by the facts—that except for the colored vote the Republican party could not have carried a national election within the past forty years.

Nobody will contend that if the colored people of the country were set off to themselves they could govern themselves. Yet, even taking account of the disfranchisement laws of the South, they are the balance of power, or would be if they were not attached almost as a mass to one party. In New Jersey, for instance, there are 22,000 negro voters. If they were eliminated New Jersey would not be accounted by anybody a doubtful State—the Republicans would concede it to the Democrats by at least 15,000 majority. The negro vote makes doubtful in this campaign every State that is doubtful, for it is properly counted a Republican vote—but for it each of these States would be conceded Democratic.

Now, then, we return to the text: Suppose all the black people in the country should suddenly die, be disfranchised or deported. That would mean that election contests in every State and in the nation would be disfranchised or deported. That would mean a Democratic preponderance of at least one-third in the electoral college and in both branches of Congress, and that would mean again, according to Republican reasoning that two-thirds of the white voters were incapable of giving government to themselves and to the remaining one-third on the outside, and that therefore the republic would of necessity go to pieces.

That is the Republican argument exactly and nothing else can be made of it. In a word, if it were not for the negro voters in the Northern States the government could not go on. What do you think of it?—of the proposition that the white voters alone could not maintain the government? that but for the negro voters, to whom the Republican party is indebted for its majorities, the republic could not endure?

"MR. RABBIT, MR. RABBIT!"

"An old hunter," who is described by The Sanford Express as living "across the river"—we suppose it means that he lives beyond the river—has perplexed and stumped the esteemed contemporary referred to, by asking it: "Why do a Chatham county rabbit have his eyes on the sides of his head? The cussed thing," he continues, "can see all around himself, and he can actually dodge a bullet. I shot at one nine times the other day, but didn't graze his fur. He just sat there on his white stump of a tail and wobbled his ears at me. . . . I again ask the question, Why do a Chatham rabbit have his eyes on the sides of his head? A Moore county rabbit has his nearly straight in front." Our Sanford contemporary very naturally—we hope we employ these words with becoming modesty—refers this problem to The Observer. It is easy of solution. The gentleman from beyond the river, betrays, by both his chat and his marksmanship, that he has been taking too much Peruna. We challenge his testimony. All well-regulated rabbits wear their eyes on the side, for the reason that it is their business to see all around "themselves"—as some of our wealthiest citizens say. "A Moore county rabbit has his nearly straight in front," says this enquirer. If this gets out, there will be no market, ever, in Raleigh for Moore county rabbits, for this is not regular. But to further show this humbugger's incoherency, he asserts that the rabbit at which he shot nine times, just sat still and wobbled his ears. Then it was not a Chatham rabbit, indeed, it was no rabbit at all, but a figment of the brain; for the conventional rabbit does not wobble his ears but his nose.

It is perfectly clear—we mean to be entirely respectful—that this friend of The Sanford Express didn't know what he was talking about. As the late Father Evans, of the late Milton Chronicle, used to frequently ask, under similar circumstances, "How much did he have on?" Anyhow, he ought to quit.

We have been studying a good deal about an editorial paragraph in The Greensboro Record some weeks ago, to the effect that the late Rev. Dr. Braxton Craven, the founder of Trinity College and a very gifted man, asserted that he never had a dream in his life and did not know what a dream was. We would like to know what the smarmy of The Norfolk Landmark and that other smarmy of The Charleston News and Courier think of that.

Two weeks from to-day the tale will be told, whether for better or for worse no man may say. If every voter does his duty as he sees it he may leave results to take care of themselves and go to bed election night with a quiet conscience.

TALES TOLD REPORTER.

A HODGE-PODGE OF MATTER.

A Good Typewriter Town—Automobiles Speculating on the Park Track—Not Local Material, Surely—What a Girl Thought About the Freight—His Effect on a Man—The Awfulness of Mistaken Humors.

"Charlotte is the best typewriter town I know of anywhere for its size," said a typewriter representative. "I would be willing to wager a big sum that it is ahead by a large per cent. over any other place of 40,000 population. To my mind, that is simply an instance of the progressiveness of the people, if a sensible invention is presented to them, they take it up most readily."

A small boy came into the local office early one morning recently with a look of one who is struggling with a great weight. He lined himself up before the local editor and spoke: "Theyse runnin' like h-e-l-l (speaking each letter separately) out at the park track. Theyse hep and sat down."

"What?" "I don't know," responded the boy. "It's automobiles—that's what. Theyse tearing 'roun' the track like things was after 'em. An' onst I heard a man with goggles on say, 'if this isn't a 2-minute clip, you can have my hat. An' another 'n says, 'I wish they'd stan' for it one day fur week.'"

The boy must have seen some foreign motorists, surely, for who in Charlotte would dare to disobey the edict against speeding machines, even over a course laid out on the grounds of a private corporation?

"The fire-light is the more effective," said a girl, as the little, personal sun in the shadow of the flickering flame. "Yes, I am quite sure the fire-light is far, far better than the moon, even."

Of course, the girl was right. You may speak of the sentiment that is engendered in the silvery glow of moonlight—the potent strength, in poetry, of nothing can bring out the other nature of a man as firelight, when the room is a medley of soft lights and shades, which build themselves in the brain of the dreamer to shapes of castles, walls and summits of glory and peace. And, for the man, but for selfish creature and pleasure most when most pleased—with himself—he is apt to make all kinds of a natural idiot of himself in the glows of firelight.

For the freight is the light of the man's home, and the moonlight is the light of God's great out-of-doors. Humanity's home, and the moonlight is in itself, quicken the heart to noblest sentiment. The home thought—that explains why men coarsened and oft-times brutalized in the hard struggle for a little name and a little fame have broken into curses and lurs when they have heard even such words as, "He Never Cares to Wander From His Own Fireside." In season and out of season, good and bad, the vilest sinner gets most genuine happiness in the warmth of his own hearthstone, though in the contrary of his human nature, he may wander far afield from it, both in body and in spirit.

Oh, yes, the girl was right: "The fire-light is the more effective." There be some of us who would laugh sentiment to scorn. In fact, it is a common jest, in sentiment, and to be called sentimental is far more than most things can endure. But after all, what your Maker for healthy sentiment, for the ability to forget material self for the nonce and let the heart be unreservedly glad, forgetting, with not a trace or scorn, even, the hills that are climbed and the hills to be climbed, forget all the "practical" will be the better for it, the day's work will be the lighter for it, and a great "practical" end will be achieved.

It is a fact that the political campaign is dull. Even the politicians will tell you that in confidence, or quite publicly, as they may view it. A man who has a very level head on his shoulders, in the writer's opinion said yesterday on this subject: "Then why do they do it? Why do politicians scurry around the country awakening those who would sleep peacefully? Every voter, to my mind, has left a nail to be waked up politically on November 8th, just long enough to go forth and cast his ballot." That seems to be very true. What good is it? But practical politicians will tell you that there is good, even though they can't tell you what it is, who have been changed by a political campaign, certainly not enough to effect the result. The benefit, if benefit there be, is not to be analyzed.

What is worse than mistaken humor? A distorted sense of what is humorous is a very common failing. You often, see men and women who possess intelligence and character in a high degree, but lack the true sense of humor. And when they attempt to be funny it is the most unendurable thing. Humor suffers more with such folk than wit does, for a mistaken witicism is merely an arrow that has missed the target and is lost. But distorted humor blunders ponderously up to the goal and stumbles against it and crushes itself. Mistaken humor reminds one of "the dull, sickening thud," for which there is no excuse. Nothing is more labored or falls so utterly when it does fail. And yet, for the sum total of the humorous attempts of humanity, let us be thankful, for the good far outweighs the bad, and humanity would be amused even if it sometimes has to suffer for it.

A Contest for the Championship of Charlotte.

A contest for the championship of Charlotte is to be entered by the juvenile football teams of the city, whose players average not more than 35 pounds, and whose best man does not weigh more than 100 pounds. A pennant is to be awarded the champions by Mr. A. Burwell, Jr. The following teams will take part in the race: Dilworth Athletic Club, Newsboys—Charlotte Military Institute (second team), and the Charlotte team of Captain George Wilson. The following schedule has been arranged: Monday, October 31, Newsboys vs. Charlotte; Thursday, November 3, C. M. I. vs. D. A. C.; Thursday, November 10, Charlotte vs. C. M. I.; Monday, November 14, Newsboys vs. D. A. C. These games will be played at Latta Park at 4 p. m. In case the games played, according to this schedule, do not determine the championship, further games will be arranged. Comparative scores will not determine the championship.

Lady Dilke, wife of Right Hon. Sir Chas. Wentworth Dilke, at 54, died yesterday as a result of the rupture of a blood vessel.

DR. V. T. HOFFMAN A SUICIDE.

The Rash Act Ends a Story of Domestic Infelicity—Following a Quarrel Over Religious Affairs at the Breakfast Table, the Physician Blows Out His Brains—The Deed Man's Prominent Member of His Profession.

Observer Bureau, Hotel Jerome, Columbia, S. C., Oct. 24. A long-distance telephone message brings the sad story of domestic infelicity and suicide, which occurred at Sumter this morning. Dr. Van Tassel Hoffman, a highly educated physician of that city, who was a graduate of leading institutions of his own country, Holland, and whose professional education was finished at New York and Richmond, from which latter city he came to Sumter, shot away almost his entire head with a shot gun. He had just had a violent quarrel with his wife, whom he attacked and beat brutally, following a dispute over religious affairs. The couple had at the breakfast table. They had attended religious services together the night before. After he struck his wife she went into her room, saying she would pack up and leave so that each might be rid of the other. He followed and continued to beat her. She managed to extricate herself and sought refuge at a neighbor's. Shortly after she left a report was heard and neighbors rushed in to find the body lying on the floor with the brains and blood spattered on the walls. During a recent absence of Dr. Hoffman from Sumter, Mrs. Hoffman was compelled to call in a physician to attend to injuries she had received from a former beating. Dr. Hoffman administered to her. This brother physician remonstrated with him on his return and threatened to sue him if he returned to Sumter. Dr. Hoffman was brought to Sumter by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to serve them as physician there.

The Socialists of this city have put out a ticket for presidential elector. T. W. Vaughn, a former president of the carpenter union, has been put out. The party has membership of about 200 in the city and the members are conducting an active canvass for the ticket.

"We do not necessarily expect to win this year, but we expect to make some progress, and this means that we expect Vaughn to make a remarkable run. The party is growing here and we are circulating literature of the kind needed to convince the workman that he should vote our ticket."

This morning a lot of bills were circulated around the streets, giving the name of the candidate and the name of the Socialist candidate for President, and there was a lot of reading matter for anyone who wanted it. The ticket read as follows: "Vote for DeLozier, Hanford for President and Vice President; Labor's candidates."

A Homicide Near Fort Mill.

Special to the Observer. Fort Mill, S. C., Oct. 24.—Jim Dunlap, a negro from Rock Hill, was shot and killed Monday night by another negro, at the latter's home on Mr. Charles H. Graham's place, two miles above here yesterday. It seems that Jones had his sister and her child living with him and she previously lived with Dunlap at Rock Hill. Yesterday Dunlap drove over from Rock Hill and secured his child. The woman returned and demanded that she go with him and emphasized his demand with threats and drew, or attempted to draw his pistol, when he was shot by Jones. The woman's request was held to-day and a verdict of justifiable homicide was rendered. The slayer made no attempt to escape.

NOTICE.

City Tax Payers Take Notice. The City Tax Books are now open. Call at once and settle before bad weather, when you need your money more. W. B. TAYLOR, C. T. C. If you buy property since June 1st see if the city tax is paid.

FOR SALE.

New Crop Cotton Seed Meal. New Crop Cotton Seed Feed. New Crop Cotton Seed Hulls. The Southern Cotton Oil Company. WE ARE EXCLUSIVE Merchant Tailors

We have a very large assortment of special Designs in English and Scotch Woolens on display that will please your eye

R. E. DAVIDSON & CO., Merchant Tailors

IF YOU HAVEN'T ORDERED YOUR FALL AND WINTER SUIT

By all means see my Magnificent Line of Suits. Tailoring is faultless, the very best it is possible for expert workmen to do. H. MILLER, Tailor. East Trade—Under Central Hotel!

Wanted Quick

No use being in a hurry if it takes half a day for your servant to come after the medicine prescribed. When the prescription is written 'phone us. A messenger will come after it and 'phone us and the medicine will be returned the same way without loss of time. The Gray Drug Co. 212 E. 2nd St.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Observer will send A. D. T. Messenger, without charge, to your place of business or residence for advertisements for this column. 'Phone A. D. T. Messenger Service, No. 45; or Observer, No. 78. All advertisements inserted in this column at rate of ten cents per line of 36 words. No ads taken for less than 20 cents. Cash in advance.

FOR FAIR WEEK—Desirable ligard; generally located. 415 N. Church.

FOR SALE—Six-year-old horse, Marvus D. Herring, 907 North Broadway.

WANTED—Doctor: Practice worth \$1,500 a year; town of 30 people; good country. Address Doctor, care Observer.

WANTED—By expert stenographer, work for part of every day. "A," care Observer.

WANTED—Nice table board in private boarding house. References exchanged. Address S. A. L., care Observer.

FOR SALE—1904 Marsh motor cycle, 25 h. p. motor. Speed two to sixty miles per hour. Good condition. P. M. Ballentine, care Observer.

WANTED—By a gentleman and wife, room with or without board, centrally located. Address, stating terms, Virginian, care Observer.

SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS to be paid on any real estate at 8 per cent. Apply to Chas. Brooker, 32 South Tryon street.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—From rear 70th Avenue church, dark roan mule. Reward if returned. F. M. Blisner, Derita, N. C.

WANTED—A steady, reliable housekeeper for a good home. Reasonable salary paid. Applicants call at Queen City Hotel to-morrow morning from 10 to 1. R. L. Rogers, Rowland, N. C.

FOR SALE—Roller-top desk and Herring iron safe. "A. B.," care Observer.

FOR RENT—Six-room cottage, 704 North Poplar. Apply 214 W. Tenth street.

SALESMEN WANTED—Clothing salesman to handle two price trade; best salesman only; position permanent; good salary; references wanted. Box 37, Pocomantas, Va.

SECOND-HAND SAFES for sale; good as new for all practical purposes. Address "Safes and Vaults," care Observer.

WANTED—5,000 second-hand spoons, 6x6. Fidelity Mfg. Co., Charlotte, N. C.

FOR SALE—To a registered pharmacist an interest in one of the best drug stores in western North Carolina. Address "Sulfontal," care Observer.

ONE OF THE BEST paying hotels in the State can be bought cheap. For particulars, write "Bargain," box 619 Durham, N. C.

WANTED—Ten miners and strikers; first-class pump mon. St. Catherine Mine.

1,500 AFTER NOV. 1st will be the price of that beautiful resident lot, 20x125 feet, on Myers road, next to Mr. T. W. Long's. \$1,500 buys it now. H. C. Long.

PIANO TUNING—H. M. Eldridge, an expert tuner, has located in Charlotte for the practice of his profession. Leave orders at Parker-Gardner Co.

MINERS WANTED at Phoenix Mine, Miami Mining Co., near Concord, N. C.; steady employment; good wages.

WANTED—To purchase for cash, at once, typewriter of standard make, in good condition; price must be low. Address H. C. Observer.

FOR RENT—My home, South Tryon street. George H. Bellinger.

WANTED—For U. S. Army, able-bodied, unmarried men, between ages of 21 and 35, citizens of United States, of good character, temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, 15 West Trade St., Charlotte, N. C.; Southern Loan and Trust Building, Greensboro, N. C.; Postoffice Building, Winston-Salem, N. C.; 40 Patton Ave., Asheville, N. C.; or Cleveland Building, Spartanburg, S. C.

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FOR SALE—Smith Premier, Fay-Sho, Remington No. 10, and other typewriters, practically new; cheap. Address 217 Lyndon street, Greensboro.

STAMPING—Fancy Work. Minnie A. Cochrane, Room 8, Hunt Bldg.

WANTED—To correspond with party or parties who are interested in starting a coffin factory. Have best kind of location for either coffin or furniture factory. Address "Manufacturer," care Observer.

WANTED to borrow \$3,500 for three years; best security given. Address "C.," care Observer.

WANTED—First-class blacksmith; permanent work. Ryder-Cramer Wagon Works, Thomasville, N. C.

WANTED—Experienced, energetic cotton-mill bookkeeper, now employed, desires better position. Can run entire office and handle correspondence if desired; modern methods; understands mill business, and not afraid of work; highest references. C. M. L., care Observer.

TRAVELING MAN can increase income without extra expense, selling our makes of Dry Goods for Spring to retailers. Attractive side line. F. C. Rollman & Co., Manufacturers, Philadelphia.

DETECTIVES—Every locality; good salary; experience unnecessary. Interstate Detective Agency, Milwaukee, Wis.

\$5,000 CASH, balance on easy terms, will buy control in \$100,000 dividend-paying Manufacturing Plant, located near Charlotte, N. C. Proposition carries with it two good salaries positions; open to closest investigation; satisfactory reason will be given. Address "X.," care Observer.

WANTED—At once, one shaper man and son to take charge of cloth work. Georgia Coffin Co.

TROTTING STOCK FOR SALE—Bay mare, standard and registered, bred to Gallant C. 3033; record, 2:34; has been driven by a lady. Chestnut filly, standard and registered, two years old; handsome and gentle. Elderly Farm, R. F. D. No. 5, Charlotte, N. C.

A SPLENDID LINE of new Mahogany Rockers just received. W. T. McCoy.

EXPERIENCED and settled woman to take charge of pantry in small hotel. Apply to "Jackson Hotel," Sumter, S. C.

FOR RENT—My house, furnished, furnace heat; all modern conveniences. Fred Oliver, 408 South Tryon street.

FOR RENT—Two 2-story dwellings, six and seven rooms, 104 and 106 North Smith street, \$10 per month. F. W. Ahrens, 4 E. Second street.

WANTED

One Hundred men to join the Pressing Club, just being organized. See J. M. Gens about it. Tailor Shop over Postal Telegraph Office.



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The Big Fair

This week bids fair to be the biggest in Charlotte for a time. The low rates on the railroads from all points and the many attractions at the Mecklenburg Fair, and the opportunity to see the largest store in the two Carolinas, will bring thousands of people from all over the country. Many will take advantage of this opportunity to combine business with pleasure. To all visiting the Queen City we would extend an invitation to make our store your stopping place. The stock is now the largest it has ever been. We call special attention to our

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On account of the Fair week rush no goods will be sent out on approval.

