NEGRO IN WASHINGTON.

MORE HIS HEAVEN THAN EVER.

A Class of the Population Which is Basing Large Hopes Upon Roosevelt's Election—Idling Habit of the Race Accounts for Its Apparently Outnumbering the Whites—The City Where All the Old Bicycles Go—Slums There, But Hard to Find—Christening Flowers at the Botanical Gardens.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Washington, October 31.—Everygody knows that old, dirty, mutilated paper money is sent by the banks and the sub-Treasuries back to Washington to be redeemed. The government pays dollar for dollar for it and then sells it at $40 a ton. But first it has been put into the famous "macerator" and ground to pulp. Of the preys they make book-binder's board. The macerator grinds up a million dollars every day.

But everybody does not know all the old, dirty, mutilated bicycles in the county are sent to Washington and ground up? No—ridden by the Washingtonians. All over the country people have been wondering what has become of the bicycles. Once they swarmed like flies in summer. They are gone now like flies in winter. Whither? To Washington. The models of '90, '91 and other years up to the close of the last century are all there; I have not recognized any of later date. One difference between Charlotte and Washington is that in Charlotte nobody rides a bike. In Washington the streets are full of cyclists, male and female, young and old. Bicycle sharps still do a thriving business. You will see wheels standing about everywhere—in front of private dwellings, stores, restaurants, bar-rooms and in the lobbies of theatres. But you will not see any female cyclists in bloomers nor any male cyclists in knee pants and gorgeous stockings and sweaters. Likewise, that odd freak of the last century known as the "schorcher" has disappeared. However, the goggle-eyed automobilist is almost as ugly and, when unrestrained, is quite as dangerous.

Although, at first sight, there seem to be almost as many negroes in Washington as whites, the white cyclists are fuly fifty times as numerous as the black. It must be because most of the darkies have nothing to do, while most of the white people are busy. The cyclists do not ride aimlessly about the streets; they are all going somewhere. They keep wheels for business, not for pleasure. If they kept them for pleasure only, every darkey in the place would have one; for it is for pleasure only that the darkey in Washington — speaking generally. Here, as in Charlotte, he has apparently solved the problem of living quite satisfactorily on nothing a year. However, it is not so easy as it used to be. The keeper of a street stand told me the other day that a few years ago gangs of negroes swooped upon him quite frequently and bore off his stock of pies, sandwiches, etc., but they never did it now—"'fraid o' de cop." One source of sustenance gone. A lady told me that good colored cooks were so hard to get that many ladies were doing their own cooking. Another source running dry.

But what of it so long as the President of the United States is his friend? What of it so long as the Chief Executive holds him not merely in equal esteem with the white man but often in higher esteem. Naturally there are many negroes in the government departments in Washington and naturally there are many more in the city who hope to get into them, and will do so, if Theodore Roosevelt is elected. A friend of mine who has been long in the government service told me the other day that "pull" still counted for much. It seems that nowadays the negro has the advantage of "pull."

However, it would be unjust to say that the negro in Washington is always an idler except when employed as a clerk for Uncle Sam. On the contrary, he does a good deal of work. For one thing, he keeps the city clean, cleaner than any city in the world, I reckon. It occupies an area larger in proportion to its voulation than any other city in America,—that is the best thing that can be said of Washington. Some unfortunates, rich as well as poor, live in apartments or "compartments," which is a better word for flats; but the majority are in separate houses and nearly every house has a plot of green before or behind it. Well, the cleaning goes on all the time. Countless little machine sweepers, invented by a woman, are pushed about by hand and are at work all day long picking up leaves and trash. Negroes keep the parks clean, too—and the city has 32 parks, big and little. Moreover, in Washington the day laborers are negroes and they do practically all of the menial work. But everybody knows that so far as the employment of negroes is concerned, Washington is essentially a Southern city.

Whether the hot towel treatment in barber shops is peculiar to the national capital I don't know, but I, for one, never saw it anywhere else. After shaving you the darkey barber soaks a towel in water almost scalding hot and lays it on your face and eyes, pressing it down and allowing it to remain several minutes. The process is repeated two or three times. The sensation is rather smothery. But the barber shops are clean. Are there any clean ones south of Washington?

Miles and miles I rode through the city without finding any slums. Then I went to the top of the monument and looked out of all the windows. "Where are the slums? Are there none here?" I asked of the elevator man. "No," said he. Perhaps he misunderstood me. I had heard that there were slums in Washington worse than slums anywhere. I don't believe it. Down in the Monument Park a pushcart peddler told me that truly there were poor people in Washington and that I could find them by taking a certain car. I took that car and found them: "M" street, beyond 26th, Georgetown in fact; but they were not many; in New York or Brooklyn they would attract no notice whatever. Yet there is an "Associated Charities" organization here and there was a meeting in their building this week of a "committee on the improvement fo housing conditions," and The Post speaks of the "removal of houses which are a menace to public safety and health and which serve as the breeding places of vice and criminals." There must be slums, then. But what an honor to Washington that they are so hard to find!

The Mrs. W. B. Chamberlain has been noticed perhaps as much as any other." That sounds queerly. But not more so than the announcement that the "Hon. W. Q. Gresham and Mrs. John M. Wilson are two other chrysanthemums which attracted unstinted applause." Could anything be more unpoetic than the naming of a flower "The Mrs. W. B.," the "Hon. W. Q." or the "Mrs. John M?" It cheapens the flower without adding distinction to the individual. The exhibition of chrysanthemums this week at the propagating gardens was a beautiful thing. But the corps of scientific horticulturalists who, by hard work for a year, produced 75 new and superb varieties of chrysanthemums have dimmed the glory of their achievement by an assortment of names too unlovely and commonplace for any flower that grows.

DAVID T. DUNCAN.

HORSE THIEF SKIPS.

Weldon Citizen Succeeds in Recovering His Animal—Small Delegation Attends District Conference—Some Queer Characters.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Louisburg Oct. 29.—Mr. J. A Musgrove, of Weldon, reached here yesterday to recover his stolen horse. He hired the horse on October 5th to one Mabry, a white man about 22 years old, for two days, who brought the animal to this county and sold him to David Yarbro for $40. Yarbro brought him to Louisburg and sold him to Lancaster Bros. Chief of Police High, having been notified to be on the lookout for the horse and thief, soon located the horse, but the thief has skipped to parts unknown.

Great disappointment was met yesterday in M. E. Church circles, because of the fact that so few delegates to the district conference arrived. Out of a total of twenty-five expected, only six delegates arrived. Preparations had been made for their entertainment and they would have received a cordial welcome at the hands of Louisburg hosts. A reception was tendered the visitors at the Methodist parsonage last evening, which was largely attended, the parsonage being handsomely decorated, the entire lower floor being given over to the visitors. Refreshments consisting of several courses were served and a delightful evening was spent.

Kit Dunstan, a well known old colored man, has been adjudged insane by a board of examining physicians, and application has been made to place him in the Goldsboro asylum.

The trustees of the male academy have decided to enclose the grove surrounding it with a handsome fence. This campus comprises about 12 acres and is a beautiful one. It has been sadly neglected heretofore, but improvements will soon commence and it has been decided to have a celebration of next arbor day there, planting trees and in other ways, make it more attractive.

The court house is news-less these days, nearly all the officials being absent on a campaign of the county. At all of the appointments so far, the candidates have met with good crowds, and the people who have been so apathetic are being aroused to the necessity of going to the polls on election day and voting. The representation in the future conventions is based on the size of the vote cast at this election.

Deep regret is expressed here at the announcement in yesterday's Observer that Mr. Cleveland would not address the Cooper Union gathering in New York. His admirers here feel that the "old man," when he does speak, never fails to say something.

Louisburg can boast of more characters to its size than any place in North Carolina. One of the leaders in the street cleaning department can be seen each morning with his cart and mule removing the refuse from the streets. One morning since a dude from the country, smoking a cheap cigar and with a bottle of booze protruding from his pocket, accosted "Buckeye," thus: "So you are cleaning streets are you?" "Yes," replied he. "You never cleaned any did you?" "No," said the sport. "Do you smoke?" said Buck, "yes." "Do you drink?" "Oh, yes," "Well, you just stick to them and you will be on the streets too." "That's what brought me to it." The sport had no more to say.

Mr. J. A. Thomas left last night for Raleigh.—Among the visitors to the missionary conference are Mrs. R. H. Whitaker, of Raleigh; State Secretary and Mrs. Pressley Person, of Franklinton. Others prominent in woman's mission work are expected to-day.

GRAIN ELEVATOR COLLAPSES.

A Large Portion of 370,000 Bushels of Barley Dumped Into the Lake at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 30.—From some cause which cannot be definitely explained, the Ontario elevator collapsed to-day and sank into the waters of the Evans slip. It is believed the earth settled and caused the accident. The elevator contained 370,00 bushels of barely, a large portion of which lies at the bottom of the slip. The loss on the grain and building is estimated at $350,000. Chales Bartholomy, 62 years old, the elevator Superintendent, was seriously injured.

A Social Event at Lexington.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Lexington, Oct. 29.—Thursday evening from 9 to 12, Mrs. M. B. Brown most delightfully entertained at the Hotel March in honor of the birthday of her daughter, Miss Lizette Brown. Delicious refreshments were served, and the party spent the time very pleasantly with games and amusements. The rooms were beautifully decorated with pink. The birthday cake was cut and distributed among the guests. The following lucky ones received the prizes: Mr. Joe H. Thompson received the ring, Miss Amanda Caldwell, the thimble, and the money was drawn by Miss Arline Price. Among those who enjoyed the charming hospitality of Mrs. Brown were: Miss Amanda Caldwell and Mr. O. E. Mendenhall, Miss May Thompson and Mr. Joe Moffitt, Miss Winifred Adderton and Mr. W. E. Holt, Jr., Miss Moffitt and Mr. Hudson, Miss Edith Greer and Mr. Will F. Welborn, Miss Trice and Mr. B. H. Finch, Miss Louise Hanes and Mr. Joe H. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burkhead, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Walser, Mr. and Mrs. William Gilliam, Mr. F. W. Siebert, Messrs. Cameron Morrison, G. F. Hankins, E. G. Billingsby and G. D. Dorsett.

Affredo DeOro, of New York; Jerome Keogh, of Buffalo, and Thomas Hueston, of St. Louis, are tied for the pool championship of the world. DeOro winning last night's game at St. Louis from Hueston by a score of 125 to 47. Keogh and Hueston will play off the tie to-morrow night, and DeOro will play the winner Tuesday.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair Monday and Tuesday; brisk to high northeast winds on the coast.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 30, 1904.

Local report for the 24 hours ending at 8 p. m. to-day:

Highest temperature	66
Lowest temperature	44
Average temperature	55
Excess for the day	01
Accumulated deficiency for the month	08
Accumulated deficiency for the year	3.34
Rainfall (inches)	00
Deficiency for the day	11
Deficiency for the month	2.65
Deficiency for the year	8.76
Prevailing wind direction	N.E.

ONE OF MANY.

C. A. Tisdale, of Summerton, S. C., suffered for twenty years with the piles. Specialists were employed and many remedies used but relief and permanent good was found only in the use of DeWitt' Witch Hazel Salve. This is only one of the many, many cures that have been effected by this wonderful remedy. In buying Witch Hazel Salve it is only necessary to see that you get the genuine DeWitt's, made by E. C. DeWitt & Co., in Chicago, and a cure is certain. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures all kinds of piles, burns, cuts, bruises, eczema, ringworm, tetter, scalds, etc. Sold by R. H. Jordan & Co.

ROOT TALKS WITH ROOSEVELT.

The Former Secretary Tells the President New York Will Give Him 60,000 Majority.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Elihu Root, of New York, spent the evening with President Roosevelt at the White House, talking over the political situation. Mr. Root told the President that in his judgment there was no doubt of his election; that New York State would give him a plurality approximating 60,000 votes, and if this prediction proved to be correct the Republican State ticket also would be successful. A very material reduction in the President's estimated plurality, Mr. Root said, might endanger the State ticket. The former Secretary, in discussing the campaign which is now drawing to a close, expressed his gratification that so far as the Republican national committee was concerned, it had been conducted amicably. There had not been any discord, he said, and it had not left any heart-burnings. The amount of money expended by the Republican committee did not aggregate more than half of that which had been expended during the McKinley campaign four years ago.

Open Switch Causes Wreck at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 30.—At Murfreesboro, Tenn., 30 miles south of here, Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis passenger train No. 2, north-bound, was wrecked at 5:45 this afternoon. Engineer James Grinee was badly scalded and bruised and Express Messenger Frye received painful bruises. No passengers were injured. An open switch caused the engine to leave the main track, colliding with freight cars on a siding. The engine was overturned and rolled into Lytle creek. The smoker and one day coach were derailed, and traffic was delayed for several hours.

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