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MR. BAILEY AND HIS ENEMIES

Advices from Texas indicate that the fight on Senator Bailey has been revived in a new form. The numerous and bitter enemies whom he gave occasion against himself by his indiscreet course in the Waters-Pierce Oil Company matter, and whom he has made much more numerous and much more bitter by vehement denunciations, purpose burying him under ignominy. They now plan that in nominating candidates for the Legislature the main issue shall be Bailey and anti-Bailey. A desperate effort has been set on foot to elect an anti-Bailey Legislature, with the avowed object of passing a resolution calling upon Mr. Bailey to resign his seat in the Senate.

GATE CITY NEWS GATHERINGS

Brilliant Reception Given to Visiting Young Lady—Bank Building to Be Remodeled—Would-Be Rapist Carried to Penitentiary—Greensboro Man to Wed in Virginia—Ferre News Items. Special to The Observer. Greensboro, Oct. 22.—Miss Alice Grey Devenish, of Asheville, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Glenn Brown, was their guest of honor at a brilliant reception given last evening at their beautiful home on Summit avenue.

MISS MAGRUDER ON CHILD LABOR

In the current North American Review appears a discussion of the Southern child labor question by the late Miss Julia Magruder, well known as a gifted novelist and short story writer. The mill children, Miss Magruder found, were very much better off than the poorer class of white children outside the mills; better fed, clothed and taught. Lurid child-slavery stories by professional sensationalists incur her denunciation. While Miss Magruder did not find conditions all that they should be, she did find that their evils have been vastly exaggerated by writers for Northern periodicals and that they are not nearly so bad as ignorant legislation of a prohibitory nature might make them.

OFFICIALDOM VIBRANTLY WORKING

Various Washington correspondents now profess to see unmistakable indications that monetary conditions are at last proving a source of worry to the administration. They no longer hear, they say, talk about "troubles confined to Wall Street," "manipulated market," "withdrawal of public confidence from securities in consequence of exposures of corporate corruption." Officialdom appears to fear that should the present state of affairs continue during the coming winter and spring they will give rise to political complications of no mean order.

That section of the Sherman anti-trust law which the Department of Justice has resurrected and employed is authority for selling tobacco trust goods at Norfolk is certainly the biggest stick yet found for use on the trusts.

THE FLOWERS OF THOUGHT

May I arrange the flowers of thought which have bloomed over the grave of John Charles McNeill? I crave the privilege by the admiration and veneration I have for the talent and genius of the Singer, who went ere I saw him, but whose development under the fostering care of The Charlotte Observer I have watched and been glad.

JOHN CHARLES McNEILL

Avery and McNeill! The Observer staff has within the past few years lost the most forceful writer and the most exquisite lyricist in the history of North Carolina journalism. For many years, to John Charles McNeill, more than to any other man of his time, may his sorrowing friends apply Longfellow's tribute to Burns: "And then to die so soon, and leave unfinished what he might achieve, He haunts his native land as an immortal guide every plow; He sits beside each single nook; His voice is on each rushing brook, In every nestling bough." J. H. M. Fayetteville.

JOHN CHARLES McNEILL

The Observer again loses a member of its staff by death. Avery, Abernethy and McNeill. What a strong trio of well-equipped newspaper workers.—Concord Tribune.

JOHN CHARLES McNEILL

The death of John Charles McNeill, of The Charlotte Observer staff, is indeed a loss to The Observer and to the State. He was a brilliant writer, and one of North Carolina's brightest young men. His death is cause for deep regret.—Greenville Reflection.

IN MEMORIAM

MOULIN HIS UNTIMELY DEATH

In the Passing of John Charles McNeill Hickory Book Club Feels the Loss of a Friend and Benefactor. On the evening of January 20, 1907, the Round Doves Book Club, of Hickory, held a public reading at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. East. At this reception Mr. John Charles McNeill made his first public appearance as a reader of his own poems.

MAY PROSECUTE ENGINEER

HE RAN HIS TRAIN TOO FAST. The Engineer Who Was in Charge of the Train That Was Wrecked a Short Time Ago at Inman, S. C., May Be Prosecuted for Criminal Negligence—Governor Ansel's Heart Softens For Once and He Grants a Pardon—Report of Dispensary Sales of Liquor Made Public—Superintendent Martin Wants Examination of Teachers' Papers Taken Out of Politics. Observer Bureau, 1422 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., Oct. 22.

RECORD BROKEN BY GOVERNOR

Governor Ansel broke a record of long standing today by granting a pardon. The person toward whom his heart softened was Millard F. Holmes, of Oconee county, under sentence of three months or a fine of \$100 for violating the dispensary law. The Governor made this explanation in his own handwriting on the pardon petition: "This defendant having already served out a sentence for the same offense under sentence of the United States Court, and on application of the grand jury of the county I hereby pardon Millard F. Holmes for the offense named in the within application for pardon."

WANTS SCHOOL LAW CHANGED

State Superintendent of Education Martin will ask the Legislature at its coming session to change the school law with regard to teachers' examinations throughout the State as to have these examination papers passed upon by a member of the State board of education at Columbia instead of by the county boards of education. By this method Mr. Martin hopes to entirely divorce these examinations from politics.

WILL CHARGE A FEE

In order to raise money with which to pay a member of the county board to pass upon these papers, my idea is to have each applicant for a teaching certificate charged a fee of \$1 for the privilege of standing the examination. This would not only obviate the necessity of making extra appropriation, but would free these examinations from a large number of negroes who crowd upon every examination for the purpose of practicing and in the hope that they may strike an easy examination some time that will afford them the opportunity they seek of getting a certificate.

RELUCTANTLY ADMITTED

We would like to have an immediate concession from The Charlotte Observer that Colonel Graves was born in South Carolina.

THE KEELEY CURE

Efficiency of the Keeley Cure Proved Fair Week. Several hundred graduates who have been cured at the Greensboro Keeley Institute visited the Institute during Fair Week, and sixteen patients were brought by some of the graduates. The man who has been cured for years is the best evidence of the efficiency of the Keeley Cure.

HOG-KILLING TIME IN DIXIE

Rhapsody on Southern Eatables by One Whp Evidently Knows Whereof He Writes. Washington Herald. Says The Charlotte Observer. "And now it's hog-killing time." That sentence does not sound over elegant, perhaps, to the uninitiated and ignorant, but, to those who know, it is an editorial utterance not to be lightly upon, a veritable poem, inspiring and grand.

BRAKEMAN LEONARD FOUND

Man Responsible for Rudd Wreck Turns Up at His Home at Spencer—Tells How the Switch Came to Be Open—Only Six of the Injured Left in the Hospital. Special to The Observer. Greensboro, Oct. 22.—Of the nineteen people injured in the wreck of train No. 34 at Rudd last Thursday night, only six are still in St. Leo's Hospital and all of these are getting along very well and will recover. They are Mr. W. C. Davis and wife, of Gastonia; Jim Shelton, Joe Sludge and John D. Ferrall, all of Danville, Va., and a man from Canada, who refuses to give his name.

RETURN BALLS 5c

Confetti, package. Big Lot Teddy Bears. 75 Cents to \$3.50.

SPEAKS FOR FOREST RESERVE

Mr. T. E. Will Delivers a Lecture at Asheville—Two United States Senators and One Representative Present—Drawings and Plans of Interurban Railway Have Been Completed. Special to The Observer. Asheville, Oct. 22.—Dr. Thomas E. Will, secretary of the American Forestry Association, delivered an interesting illustrated address here last night in the interest of the Appalachian National Monument reserve. Present at the time of the address were United States Senator Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina; United States Senator Lattimer, of South Carolina, and Representative Lever, of Columbia, S. C.

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