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A GLANCE INTO THE OTHER CAMP.

Ex-Governor Frank S. Black, of New York, is the orator who delivered a notably eloquent eulogy of President Roosevelt before the Republican national convention of 1904. Thursday night last, before the Home Market Club, of Boston, this same orator attacked President Roosevelt in the most wholehearted manner imaginable. "There never has been in the history of this country a bossism so despotic and unscrupulous as that which controls you now," vehemently declared Mr. Black with obvious reference to the President. Further, as an assault upon the Taft candidacy, "It is sought to fill the highest elective office in the world by executive appointment, without even the safeguards of a confirmation by the Senate." Yet again, "It will be a sad day for the American people if they discard the words, 'In God we trust,' and adopt the motto, 'After me, the deluge.'" And Mr. Black, let us remember, is but one spokesman of a powerful and until very recently dominant element in the Republican party which hates Mr. Roosevelt and his policies beyond anything else on earth. Considering this state of affairs in the opposing ranks, the Democratic party need only quit its foolishness to find the chances of victory much brighter than seemed possible only a short while ago. Disorganization and wide differences of opinion exist in the other camp as well. Each of two hostile bodies is always prone to lay well nigh exclusive stress upon its own troubles, and the Democratic party should beware lest it do so now to its undue discouragement and consequent injury. As an officer once said to some raw troops under his command, "Remember, the enemy is just as much afraid of you as you are of him." Or as Hector said, in encouraging his Trojans against the Greeks: "Nor are their bodies rocks nor ribbed with steel. Your pangs they suffer and your blows they feel." The Republican party is not invincible, its present front is even unsteady, and Democrats are wont to present, and if its two wings are brought to act effectively together before next November a marvel must be accomplished.

AN IMPOSSIBLE TICKET.

The Washington Post begins an astonishing editorial with these sensible observations: "The Democratic party to be successful must have all the forces known as Bryan men and it must gain hundreds of thousands of votes in States that are debatable. The probabilities are that Mr. Bryan would lose Nebraska this year as he did in 1906, and the probabilities are that Johnson, of Minnesota, could carry that State, as he has done twice already, and would do better than Mr. Bryan in a dozen other States. With Johnson on the Democratic ticket every Democratic State would be surely Democratic, and his nomination would render doubtful a dozen States now in the solid Republican column."

The startling suggestion in this editorial is found at its conclusion: "On the presidential ticket Hearst would fear the electoral vote of New York from the Republican party." With a ticket of Johnson and Hearst or Hearst and Johnson every State of the Northwest and many States of the East would become debatable. The Democratic party would have a contest for principles headed by men who would be able to win. Even if it could be achieved with this ticket, which it could not, this would be too high a price to pay for victory. When the Democratic party nominates Wm. R. Hearst for President or Vice President we will know for a certainty that it has taken leave of its senses. "A contest for principles" indeed! What except bad principles does he represent? Johnson will more than do but Hearst would be a millstone about his neck which would sink both so deep that neither would ever bear the horn blow.

It is just as well that the State election does not fall now, for the recent Legislature's culpable neglect to pass a law against the ground hog might give the Republicans an almost insuperable advantage.

IMPROVIDENCE GONE MAD.

In an article copied yesterday from the Wilkesboro correspondence of The Industrial News it was stated that in recent years Wilkes county has not raised enough food products for home consumption but has annually sent out thousands of dollars for corn, flour, bacon and other necessities. Instead of making those the people have devoted themselves to getting out lumber and tan-bark. It might have been added that they realize for these, and for hauling them to railroad stations, just about day wages, and the tan-bark peels cut down the trees for the bark and leave the trees to rot on the ground. Thus the lands are stripped of their timber, and the money received is sent off for food supplies. In this matter Wilkes is not exceptional among western counties; there are others that pursue the same wasteful, poverty-inviting policy. A citizen of Alexander county said to the writer, eighteen months ago, that in his opinion his county is worse off financially than it was twenty years ago; that his people are cutting their timber, selling it for a song, for hardly more than it is worth to haul it to market, buying provisions for the money they get and while their wood land, their chief asset in natural wealth, is disappearing, their stock and wagons are running down. Those people need an Appalachian reserve or something to save them from themselves. North Carolina, it may be added, has derived this benefit from the panic; that it has so reduced the demand for lumber that saw-mill men will not now pay for it even the starvation prices at which they have been buying it and the destructive work of the axe and the saw-mill has been at least temporarily suspended.

PROSPERITY'S LIVE CORPSE.

Unless some apparently trustworthy indications are misleading beyond belief retail trade in the country at large for the approaching spring will measure well up to the high average of recent years. From the New York Times we learn that over 3,000 out-of-town merchants and other buyers, chiefly from the West, have poured into the metropolis, surprising and delighting New York merchants. On Monday last, the New York Merchants' Association's first registration day for the spring trade, 419 buyers, or the next largest number on record for such a date, inscribed their names at association headquarters. The second day's registration left no record unbroken. All the hotels that cater to the out-of-town buyers were overrun. "The buyers and out-of-town merchants," says The Times' story, "swarmed about the hotel corridors last night, telling their New York friends that the business outlook was brighter than it had ever been before. Many who went to the theatre in the evening spent intermission time predicting a great era of prosperity for the country." Though some of the country's great industries are in a very unsatisfactory condition for the time being, the facts just narrated certainly do not indicate general hard times, either present or prospective. Prosperity has received some hard and temporarily crippling blows, but it is far from dead yet.

COCAINE.

The Richmond News Leader, discussing a bill to regulate the drug traffic, now pending in the Legislature of Virginia, says: "Perhaps many members of the Senate and the House fail to realize the great importance of this matter. In the cities the cocaine evil has become frightful. Any policeman or man acquainted with practical operations of the police department in Richmond will testify that cocaine today is doing more harm in this city than whiskey in the proportion of at least two to one. The cocaine drunks are the hardest and wildest the police have to handle. This drug can be used anywhere and by anybody and one of its first effects is to make the man or woman using it a menace to the community. It causes hallucinations and a condition closely approaching lunacy. Its permanent effect is to destroy moral character even more completely than morphine and to wreck the body."

The statement that cocaine is doing twice as much harm in Richmond as whiskey is of course an exaggeration. Nothing does half as much harm as whiskey and an argument that anything approaches it in destructiveness is half an argument for its consumption, to which no one should lend himself. Yet all that our contemporary says of the hideous consequences of taking cocaine, how that it renders its habitues dangerous, inducing hallucinations and almost lunacy, and that depravity waits upon its footsteps, is true; and yet it is practically admitted to free trade and all effort is devoted to disgracing and debarring whiskey. Let us have some restrictions thrown about the traffic in those secondary agencies of ruin: morphine, cocaine, and the preparations of which they are constituents, while we are legislating and voting against liquor.

"Wanted, A Leader," says an editorial headline in The Charlotte Observer, "Come to Washington; there are some forty-seven dozen of them out on Capitol Hill."—Washington Herald.

But we want leaders who lead. The trouble with the Capitol Hill aggregation is that at least ninety-nine in a hundred of them are leaders only by virtue of having successfully chased the band wagon. An expressed doubt on the Montgomery Advertiser's part whether "Politics is a fool" constitutes good grammar brings down just rebeuke from the North Landmark. Verily The Landmark is a mighty grammarian. A post-graduate course in poetry under The Observer is alone needed to complete an already magnificent education.

PRESIDENT AND MEN TO CONFIDE.

Our news columns have given information that representatives of the different organizations of Southern Railway employes have been summoned to Washington for conference with President Finley and the following Washington dispatch of the 14th affords light on the subject: "That there will be a reduction, or at least an attempt to make a reduction, in the wages of all employees of the Southern Railway Company was admitted yesterday afternoon by President Finley. 'The company is arranging for conferences with representatives of its employees,' said Mr. Finley, 'for the consideration of the present wage adjustment. The purpose of the proposed conference is to lay before the employees the situation surrounding the company and to secure their support in the present conditions of trade, which are dire upon it and all the Fallways of the South. As the Southern employes altogether number 2,000 and 4,000 men, the approximate number of our employees whose wages may be reduced is 6,000.' Some such purpose as this outlined by Mr. Finley had been suspected. For a long period the relations between the Southern Railway Company and its men have been very excellent, as judged by surface indications. They certainly stood up to it very handsomely at Raleigh during the extra session of the Legislature, pleading for the adoption of a rate at which it could live and pay them fair wages. It is in hard lines now and has had to discontinue a number of trains and lay off many men, and without pretending to foreshadow the result of the conference which is to begin to-morrow, or to suggest what it ought to be, The Observer, as the friend of both parties to it, ventures to express the hope that it will go off amicably and to the satisfaction of all involved.

The painful information comes from Raleigh that the condition of Mr. Thos. K. Bruner, for twenty-one years secretary of the State board of agriculture, who has been sick for many months, is desperate and that his life is despaired of. He is the victim of a complicated liver trouble and recently Bright's disease has developed. The benefit to North Carolina of the devoted work which Mr. Bruner has done through the Department of Agriculture is beyond computation. Loyal to his State, proud of it, more familiar with its resources and capabilities than any man in it, with accurate detail knowledge of those at all times at his finger tips, consecrated to his work and diligent in it for the very love of it, he has moved quietly, unostentatiously forward and has achieved results. It is deplorable that, at the very zenith of his usefulness, we are to lose him.

The Mason Telegraph observes that "The advancing age of Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Harlan, Brewer and Peckham may at any time lead to their retirement, and the next President of the United States is likely to be called on practically to reconstruct the membership of the Supreme Court, which would now appear to be almost the only conservative governing force that the country can depend on." This is something for the people to think upon. It would be an evil day for this country when a majority of the membership of its Supreme Court was constituted of judges selected without restraint by either Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Bryan. With either of them as President the only safety would lie in the Senate which yet has the power of rejection of improper nominations.

We have pleasure in printing on the second page of to-day's paper the speech of Senator John W. Graham, of Orange, on the rate compromise bill at the extra session of the Legislature. From the beginning of the rate agitation to its end The Observer has been in perfect sympathy with Major Graham's positions on the subject, which constituted to it an assurance, beyond its own judgment, that it was right. This speech is characterized by his customary ability and clearness and above all by the bold, unequivocal stand which he always takes on questions of moment.

Having before their eyes the troubles of the Mecklenburg Fair Association with city authorities and the courts, growing out of the efforts to furnish the city and county people with some amusement at the fairs and yet keep within the law, public-spirited citizens will in future hesitate a good while before putting their money into projects which are not intended as financial investments but as means of public benefit and enjoyment. The fact is that we are getting almost too good for this world.

When a paper of the ability and standing of The Washington Post can be guilty, five months before the beginning of the silly season, of the folly of gravely projecting Johnson and Hearst or Hearst and Johnson as a winning ticket for the Democracy, a good deal ought to be forgiven to the bad judgment and foolishness of the small potatoes.

Mr. Buxton Was Not in Conference With Mr. Craig or His Supporters. To the Editor of The Observer: The statement contained in this morning's paper written from Greensboro that I met Mr. Craig in an informal conference last night with a number of his supporters is not true. I did not see Mr. Craig nor did I talk politics with any of his supporters. I was in Greensboro on legal business, not politics. Craig and Kitchin are both my friends and I am taking no part in the Governor's race for nomination. J. C. BUXTON. Winston-Salem, Feb. 15th, 1908.

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MRS. CAUTHORN ON STAND.

Mother of Defendant Tells of Her Son's Habits All Through His Life. First Cousin Died From Insanity. Roanoke, Va., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Sallie Cauthorn, mother of the defendant, was the chief witness to-day in the trial of Frank Cauthorn for the murder of his former sweetheart, Mrs. Ada Jones, at Christiansburg. Mrs. Cauthorn testified that Frank had scrofula while an infant and that he never walked or talked until he was 5 years old. After 5 years he would scream and cry out in his sleep at intervals, but finally outgrew this. Witness had a first cousin who died from insanity in Marien, Va., asylum two years ago. Her grandmother lost her mind at an advanced age. The father of the boy, she testified, was much addicted to the use of drink. Several witnesses present to the witness were suggested by alienists. A night session of the court is being held to-night.  
At the evening session the prisoner took the stand and recited how he killed his victim. When asked if he was sorry that he slew her, he said: "I can't hardly say whether I am or not. I am sorry I had to shoot her so many times. There is no need to be sorry now, it would not help me." He said "God is in a good long while." He said he didn't try to get away because he wanted to give himself up. When asked which he would rather the jury do, hang or send him to the penitentiary, his reply to the prosecuting attorney was, "I don't care which they do, it will be death either way."  
He said if he was hanged he wanted his body sold to doctors and the money used to buy a monument to be placed over his grave with the inscription: "Died for love" on it.  
At the close of Cauthorn's recital of his crime the defense closed and the prosecution put on witnesses in rebuttal to show by Cauthorn's past actions that he was not insane. Court adjourned till Monday.

SEVEN KILLED IN WRECK.

Big Four Passenger Strikes Electric Car, Killing Seven and Injuring a Dozen Others—Motorman Did Not Head Signal. Toledo, O., Feb. 15.—Seven people were killed and a dozen injured when a Big Four passenger train struck a Toledo & Western Electric Car at the Michigan Central crossing in West Toledo at 8 o'clock to-night. The dead: JAMES MYERS, motorman, Toledo. MR. WILLIAM FISHER, West Toledo. ROY FISHER, West Toledo. CLARENCE BEECH, Sylvania. MRS. CLARENCE BEECH, Sylvania. TWO CHILDREN OF MR. AND MRS. BEECH.

According to an eye-witness of the wreck, which occurred shortly after 8 o'clock, the conductor stopped at the crossing to flag the car across. Seeing the train coming he motioned the motorman to stop, but this signal was either misunderstood, not seen or disregarded, for the car came ahead with sickening results. All the ambulances in the city were hastily summoned and the scene of the wreck was thronged with excited people, impeding rather than aiding, in the work of rescue.  
Mrs. Fisher was taken to St. Vincent Hospital, where she died. Eight of the injured were also received there.

CRIMINALS ARE SENTENCED.

Twitty Bostonian Gets Three Years on Roads and Will Burn Ten Years in the Penitentiary for Arranging a Strike—Will Motorman to Arrange Inter-State Fair Association. Sullbury, Feb. 15.—The following were among the sentences passed by Judge Council this morning: Twitty Bostonian, manslaughter of Frank Harris, three years on the roads. Adam Meiser, pleaded guilty to attempted criminal assault, two years on the roads. George Ross, larceny from fellow boarder, twelve months on the roads. Will Burns, manslaughter of Frank Newlin, 13th, ten years in State penitentiary. The criminal docket was finished this afternoon.  
Next Tuesday a very important meeting will be held in Lynchburg, Va., when representatives from the different fair associations of North Carolina and Virginia will meet. The idea is to make a modus vivendi so that an inter-State association may be formed. If this is got through, there will be twelve towns on the circuit and this will enable the various managers to secure far greater attractions than hitherto. If everything is arranged satisfactorily, it is probable that one or two South Carolina towns will be taken in and the new combine styled the Virginia-Carolina Fair Association.

Winter Hard on Lambs.

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 15.—It is reported from southwest Virginia that the winter has been an abnormally hard one on lambs, the farmers of that section losing 30 per cent. of their lambs, and in many instances 50 per cent. on account of severe weather. The old sheep are also dying from the fact that they have been unable to get green food, the snow lying on the ground so long.

Contract Let for Atlanta Postoffice Building.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The contract for the superstructure of the new postoffice-court-house building at Atlanta, Ga., has been awarded to the Charles McCaul Company, of Philadelphia, at \$799,120.

OH! TO BE UP AND DOING.

(From "Our Lady of the Snows"). Oh! to be up and doing, oh! Unfeared and unshamed to go In all the broad daylight. About my human business! My undimmed heart I bear With valiantness in me. With valiance like the ancient earth Summons me to a daily birth. Thou oh! my love, ye, oh! my friends— The gift of life, the ends of ends— To laugh, to love, to live, to die, To call me by the ear and eye! —Robert Louis Stevenson.

W. T. DORTCH FOR GOVERNOR.

Conservative, Experienced Lawyer of Wayne County is Presented For the Highest Honor Within the Gift of the Citizens of the State. To the Editor of The Observer:  
It is to be true that these are turbulent times for Democracy in North Carolina and that, in the midst of a time of radical measures and legislative enactments and litigation involving the deepest interest within her borders, a conservative man, an able and experienced lawyer and one that has fought courageously and victoriously in the thickest of her political battles is needed, allow me to present to you for your readers the name of just such a man—Mr. W. T. Dortch, of Goldsboro.  
In the County of Wayne lives this man in the quiet of his home and his profession, whence he has, however, always emerged, clad in the strength of his armor whenever the battle cry of Democracy has sounded—he has always been at his post to do battle with Democracy's and his State's enemies and they bear an alive evidence of his telling services. And that valiantly done, with credit to himself, his party and his State you will find him again pursuing the even tenor of his way and his State's enemies and they bear an alive evidence of his telling services. And that valiantly done, with credit to himself, his party and his State you will find him again pursuing the even tenor of his way and his State's enemies and they bear an alive evidence of his telling services. And that valiantly done, with credit to himself, his party and his State you will find him again pursuing the even tenor of his way and his State's enemies and they bear an alive evidence of his telling services.  
In the Town of Goldsboro and County of Wayne lived and died the father, William T. Dortch, Sr., lived and died in the harness, with credit, ability and honor as does and will the son of a great and noble sire, whose name and fame were known of all the native sons of the Old North State: one of the greatest lawyers this State has ever produced, yet man, a scholar and a gentleman, gentle and courteous withal.  
So we have a man, a scholar and a gentleman by heritage, as it were, ripened, developed and strengthened into the full stature of a man of affairs, a lawyer and a statesman, by work, study and experience; no, he whose cause we here advocate, with all of his advantages and his environments, has not been the idle man, the gentleman of leisure—he has been the exception, he has taken advantage of his opportunities and turned them to account for himself, for the Democratic party and for the State of North Carolina. To raise one's voice for such a man should be a privilege, if privilege it would be to render one's State a service and elect a man such as W. T. Dortch; and simply do what he has done—further the cause of the best interests of this State as he has done and elect him as its next Governor.  
Col. W. T. Dortch is known of all who know him that all to be a man of ability, integrity, fearless and a man of conviction and wisdom by learning and experience, full of the love of his fellow man and possessed of the constructive ability that this State so stands in need of now—not the man of mean little prejudice, but such a man as would safeguard the rights and property of friend and foe alike.  
We wish to attract capital to this State and encourage its beneficent results; we wish to guard and preserve the rights and interests of all of our citizenship and the sovereignty of the State and so having these principles at heart, and having had the pleasure of knowing for many years the champion whose cause I espouse, it is with unhesitating courage and conviction that this man is presented by me through your columns to your many readers, who are always appreciative when there is something at stake. Let us nominate and elect Col. W. T. Dortch as the next Governor of the State of North Carolina. L. W. HUMPHREY.

BOTH YOUNG MEN CLEARED.

Murder Case Does Not Go to the Jury—Five Years in Penitentiary for Negro Woman. Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 15.—In Superior Court this afternoon Russ Gatewood and Mose McKnight, aged 17 and 15, respectively, were acquitted of the murder of J. Bennett Swalm on the evening of December 23d. The Judge did not allow the case to go to the jury.  
Judge Justice this afternoon sentenced Anna Cobb, colored, convicted of second-degree murder of Henrietta Stamps, to five years in the State penitentiary. Court adjourned this afternoon. It was for two weeks but work was completed in one.

Bryan Getting Rich, But His Party—New York Times.

Mr. Bryan makes money by being a leader and by being a candidate. It keeps him before the people and creates a demand for his paid lectures. He confesses that he has made a fortune—enough to keep him in comfort the rest of his life. He visited New York a week or two ago and spoke many times here and in this vicinity. What word did he say, what thought did he utter, that any human being was the better or the wiser for having heard? Mr. Bryan is better off, for he got a good price for the lecture he delivered. He makes a business of political leadership. It pays him. But it is death to the Democratic party. He is probably the most conspicuous example now before the American people of commercialism in politics.  
He is so empty, shallow and devoid of ideas that he spends much of his time in approving, applauding and repeating what Mr. Roosevelt says. It is idle to suppose that the Democrats can advance to victory under a leader who is but a copy and echo of the other party's much more capable leader. In such a condition an opposition party is obviously superfluous.

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