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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1908.

A LOOK AHEAD.
 This is from The Louisville Courier-Journal:
 "Says The Charlotte Observer: 'Col. Watterson thinks the ship has sunk.'
 "Col. Watterson has his rights, as he correctly says Bryan has his. But it is not the right of free speech. But it is not equal to his party loyalty or his brilliancy. But, anyhow, he has called out the dogs and he bowed his neck to what he conceived to be the yoke of fate."
 "We have not intimated that the ship 'has sunk.' We do not think it has. Why should The Observer? Does it not mean to support the national Democratic ticket, Bryan or no Bryan? If so, why then, not answer our contention, or, in default of doing so, let the whole case get at that."
 "In saying that 'Col. Watterson thinks the ship has sunk,' the meaning, obvious, as we thought, was that he realized that the effort to defeat Mr. Bryan for the nomination had failed.
 "Mr. Bryan certainly could not have intended that he had surrendered the Bryan campaign for we went on to quote him as saying: 'In American politics anything is possible. Assuredly Mr. Bryan may be elected; as an affair of dinner parties, if empty, he will be.' In this view The Courier-Journal's questions are hardly pertinent, but since it has asked them we can see no earthly reason to expect Mr. Bryan to be elected this year when he has twice failed nor any ground of belief that he is stronger now than he was in 1896 or 1900. The Observer means 'to support the national Democratic ticket, Bryan or no Bryan.' If it can do so, Mr. Bryan is a lightning change artist and there is no guessing what new doctrine he may project upon the country between now and the convention or between convention day and election day. Who imagined that he would return from his world trip in July, 1908, and shake us all up with a declaration in favor of the government ownership of railroads? Or that he would at the Brooklyn dinner, a little later, announce his purpose to read out of the party all who did not accept the initiative and referendum? Wait awhile. Let us at least have a look at the platform. If it is no worse than that of Nebraska, after which it is supposed it will be modeled, and if Mr. Bryan abates any part of his effort to out-Herron the President, then The Observer, without any aspiration to a position on the band wagon, will drop in with the foot passengers at the fall end of the procession, and, promising no great exuberance of feeling, will govern itself by the example of 'The poor heathen Hindoo, Who does the best he kindo.'"
YOU CAN'T ALWAYS TELL.
 To say that our best purposes of the miscarey is stating no new proposition. William E. Curtis, the famous newspaper correspondent, writing recently of Summerville, Charleston's favorite suburb, said that certain residents followed the building of the Pine Forest Inn and a citizen flew up about it and claimed that the Inn followed the residences. Again Mr. Curtis wrote that there were bungalows at Summerville and the people held town meetings and denounced him. Dear knows what they thought the man meant. All of which reminds The Greenville News that several years ago a gifted writer wrote a beautiful book about Charleston, dwelling upon the charming manners and customs of an incomparable people, but because he said something about deserted streets on the waterfront the papers said he was slandering the community and should not be permitted to return. It's a weary world, my masters, and a writer's lot is not always a happy one. A newspaper man many years ago undertook to compliment old man Absalom Redman, of North Irwell, by saying that he looked like Senator Jos. Brown, of Georgia, but the compliments missed. The old man had never seen him, but he got mad and stopped his paper.
 "In the South," says The Arkansas Gazette, "1908 will be sorrowfully remembered as the year of the big wind." You mean the year of the two big winds—the two big speeches of Jeff Davis in the United States Senate.

WE CAN DO WITHOUT IT.
 The Danville Register trusts that the recent mixed Cosmopolitan Society dinner in New York will cause Southern men to be more careful in the choice of their associates, "even in an educational movement," and "have the effect of separating Southern white men from this Ogdens movement and will put an end to the efforts of Southern educational institutions to secure endowments and donations from millionaires of the North." We have our doubts, as suggested Monday of the justice of coupling the Ogdens movement with the Cosmopolitan dinner, but that event will not have been without a good result, even if this is attained at the expense of exact justice to Ogdensism. If it work a divorce between the South and this educational propaganda, it has been more than forty years since the civil war and we are just now hearing from the North about our educational burden and are witnessing the first organized effort to relieve us. Meantime the South has staggered along, after a fashion, with this incubus, and being now on its feet is carrying it more easily. In North Carolina, for instance, we are building an average of one school house a day and are giving the little niggers, along with the white children, the basis of an education, as we have been doing all along, and it is no more than right, for while it is said in truth that the colored race pays little taxes it is our labor and for the sake of what it produces is entitled to our consideration. What we have done in the cause of education—and in the days of our deepest poverty we made a pretty poor fist of it, though the best we could—we can continue to do, and on an enlarged scale. The point is made that in the distribution of the Ogdens gifts negro institutions like Tuskegee and Hampton are, after all, the chief beneficiaries. That is well. Let them continue to make what they can out of the philanthropy. White people ought not want it and not a dollar of it should be accepted for any school, college or university, white or colored, supported in whole or in part by public funds, for acceptance implies obligation and the States of the South must retain, unimpaired, control of their public educational institutions, their curricula, text books, systems of instruction and everything pertaining to them.

MYSTERY NEARING SOLUTION.
 Disappeared Bodies Found on Guinnes Ship. The bodies of two men, one of whom was positively identified—Lamphere Connected With the Wholecase Murders.
 La Porte, Ind., May 6.—A possible solution of the Guinness farm mystery, which was deepened to-day when four additional bodies were found in the barnyard, developed to-night. Evidence tending to show the existence of dismembered corpses unearthed yesterday and to-day had been shipped to La Porte, probably from Chicago, came to light. Testimony of a witness who had seen trunks and boxes to the Guinness home, lent color to this supposition. La Porte police also received information that two trunks, consigned to Mrs. Belle Guinness, La Porte, Ind., are held in an express office in Chicago. Assistance of the Chicago police in unravelling the puzzle was sought at once.
 Two of the nine mutilated bodies were identified this afternoon with reasonable certainty. Antoine Olson, of Chicago, viewed the body supposed to be that of the Chicago man, a 35-year-old, former resident of La Porte, and pronounced it to be that of his daughter. A sister of the girl, Mrs. Leo Glander, of Chicago, confirmed the father's identification.
 Ask K. Helgelein, whose inquiries regarding his missing brother, Andrew, led to the first discoveries on the farm, of the Guinness farm, to-day that the largest and best preserved of the corpse is that of his brother. Against this identification, however, is the fact that the autopsy performed on this body by Dr. J. H. Meyer. He found conditions, which, to his mind proved that the man perished long after the date of the disappearance. Last January Meyer said that the corpse showed evidence of having been in the ground less than two weeks. Ask Helgelein, however, returned by these findings, however, by his certainty the coroner to accept his identification for the present.
 Roy Lamphere, who is held on a charge of first degree murder, as a result of the fire that destroyed the Guinness home and caused the death of Mrs. Guinness and her three children, gave no new evidence to-day, despite reports to the contrary. W. Smith, prosecuting attorney to-night asserted that a confession is not necessary so far as Lamphere is concerned. We have evidence in the shape of the body of a man, whose name is alleged to be the Guinness farm," he said. The exact nature of these letters was carefully guarded by Mr. Smith.

THE CHARLOTTE SPIRIT.
 The Queen City Twenty Years Ago, as recited by the Charlotte County News-Say it was in the "One of Its Wonderful Growth From a Struggling Village to a Prosperous City and the Factors That Have Contributed to Its Prosperity," Lincoln County News.
 Twenty years ago the editor of The News, then a young and callow youth, sojourned in Charlotte during his college vacations. At that time Charlotte was an overgrown country village with four bob-tailed street cars and a superabundance of gossip. The principal amusements of the citizens was holding religious revivals. We did our courting while attending one of Sam Jones' big meetings, going on an average to about four services a week and supplementing this spiritual nourishment with generous dinners and suppers of fried chicken and lemons on custard pie at the home of our future sister-in-law. At that time we knew every man, woman and child, horse, dog and cat residing in the business part of the city. But the fortunes—and misfortunes—of our business career cast our lines in distant States and we drifted out of touch with the pleasant little city.
 To one who knew Charlotte twenty years ago and since then has not kept up with its wonderful growth the street car ride tendered the members of the North Carolina Press Association at its recent meeting in the Queen City was a revelation indeed. We have visited Charlotte several times within the last two years, but our peregrinations were confined to Tryon street from the Seaboard depot to Independence Square and to the handsome new station of the Southern Railway on Trade street. We had no idea of the city's growth in extended and beautiful streets, handsome homes, parks, schools and colleges, to say nothing of the dozens of large cotton mills and other manufacturing plants which have been established, and which have been the basis of an industrial life and prosperity. We felt very much like a modern Rip Van Winkle awakening from a twenty years' sleep. In our memory dwell the picture of a baby Charlotte with its bob-tailed cars and listless loafers occupying easy chairs in front of the old Central and Buford hotels and almost within a stone's throw of the green country from whence the gentle breezes wafted fragrant odors of pine and cedar. But not so now. We have seen the city teeming with business life and streets greet the eye while the honk, honk of the automobile or the clang of the electric car admonishes the countryman to stop lively and keep his eyes and ears open.
 In analyzing the secret of the marvelous growth of Charlotte the editors seemed more deeply impressed with one factor than any other, and that was the fine macadam roads leading from all sections of Mecklenburg county to the county seat. The automobile ride tendered the editors by the hospitable citizens of Charlotte was not only a most delightful form of entertainment but furnished an object lesson in good road building which would result in a tremendous benefit to the State. With a network of good country roads there is no reason in the world why North Carolina should not become as thick with wealth as New England, and her wealth immeasurably increased. And there is nothing remarkable about the methods by which the Mecklenburg roads have been built. They have come by the little-by-little process, a few miles this year and a few miles more the road tax has not been burdensome and has already been returned an hundred fold while the roads are there and will stay. Almost any other county can have the same good system if it will; but it must be conservative at a beginning and work steadily and systematically toward the desired end.
 Can any people ask for more ample proof of the desirability and benefit of good country roads than is supplied by the neighboring county of Mecklenburg and will not those in Lincoln county who are opposed to a bond issue for the purpose of building good roads take the trouble to inform themselves as to the further benefit gained by a more liberal road tax? Many useful and valuable lessons are to be learned from the development of Charlotte and Mecklenburg county, and it is well worth while to make a study of the experience of these wide-awake and progressive people.
 Another factor in the development of Charlotte equally as important as good roads is the wonderful business activity which prevails. No matter how much one business man may dislike another personally, when it comes to a question of business interests or public welfare all personalities are waived and the business men of Charlotte become a unit in working for the good of the community at large. It takes broad-gauged men to overcome these petty jealousies and Charlotte is exceedingly fortunate in having broad-gauged men.
 Last, but not least, in the development of Charlotte is the magnificent spirit of fearless independence which dominates her great newspaper, The Charlotte Observer. This paper is ably edited and stands pre-eminently for progress along right lines. After all it is any great wonder that Charlotte has become the leading business town of the South? Would it be any town grow and advance if backed by the Charlotte spirit?

THE BESSEMER CITY ELECTION.
 Smith's Majority the Whole of Eight Votes. Bessemer City Has Never Been So Well Represented by the Observer. Bessemer City Correspondent—Smith Denies Things He Never Said, and Denies Also Things That Are Absolutely True.
 To the Editor of The Observer:
 Any one reading the card from J. A. Smith, of Bessemer City, appearing in The Observer of this morning, would naturally infer, from the statements made therein, that your Gastonia correspondent had outrageously slandered him. He says: "I was elected mayor without doing any tricks or without spending one penny of money." As a matter of fact, neither this correspondent nor any one else writing in The Observer, so far as we have been able to discover, has ever insinuated that Mr. Smith varied any tricks or spent one cent of his hard-earned honest dollars (he brags weekly in The Bessemer City Messenger that he is a hard-working honest man, to gain this election or any other election. If any accusations along this line have been made against him, they evidently came from his own conscience; this writer has never accused him of going any such things, he denies.
 Let us see just what appeared in the Gastonia correspondence regarding the election. Here it is, just as it appeared: "Gastonia, May 4.—Though telephone and telegraph communication with Bessemer City is not possible to-night, it is believed that the ticket headed by R. Lee Thornburg for mayor against J. A. Smith was elected by a majority of 49 or 50 votes, the report late this afternoon being to this effect. The election was an exceedingly warm one."
 This was sent The Observer over the telephone at night after every possible means had been exhausted to get a definite report from Bessemer City as to the outcome of the election. "Phone connection with that place could not be obtained and this report was based on the statements of reputable gentlemen who came to Gastonia from Bessemer City on No. 12 at 4:45 o'clock this afternoon."
 It was the only report received here at all and was credited by the people who take any interest in such things.
 Mr. Smith failed to state in his communication yesterday that he was re-elected mayor by a clear and overwhelming majority of eight (8) votes and that the majority of the ticket actually elected were Thornburg men; that is, the entire Thornburg ticket, with the exception of the mayor, and possibly one or two others, was elected by majorities of from one to five. It seems to your correspondent that Mr. Smith can get but small consolation out of his victory in the light of the above facts.
 As to his sneaking insinuations that this correspondent habitually misrepresents him, permit me to say that I have never, in a single instance, willfully made up any story concerning him or his actions, though he has frequently denied with great gusto facts about himself which were absolutely true and which this correspondent could, if necessary, have substantiated with affidavits from a hundred of the very best men in Gaston county. Any statement by Smith or anybody else to the effect that I have ever maliciously made a misstatement regarding him or his actions in The Observer is a lie out of the whole cloth.
 In the past I have ignored with silent contempt similar insinuations by Smith, but one does not like to be annoyed forever with the braying of an ass without making some effort to stop the same. Hence I beg your indulgence for taking up much space in giving you the facts as regards this wonderful election at Bessemer City in which John A. Smith, he of the sanctimonious countenance and parson's garb, was elected by a majority of eight votes. J. W. ATKINS, Correspondent.
 Gastonia, May 6th, 1908.

The Little-Long Co.
Voile Skirt Sale
Creating Quite a Stir in Coat Suit Department

Those two lots of Sample Voile Skirts we placed on sale a day or so ago for \$7.98 and \$12.50 must undoubtedly be up-to-the-minute as to style, tailoring, etc., and awful cheap in price, for they certainly have created a stir.

They Are Going Fast
 And if you want a finely tailored garment at a 1-3 saving, come to-day and don't wait. There are just a few very swell ones at \$15.00.

Specials in Tryon Street Millinery All Week
 One lot Skirts in Voiles and other Suitings, slightly off style, but well worth \$5.00. Sale price \$2.29.
 One lot Ladies' White Waists, worth 75c. to \$1.00, for 50c. A second lot Ladies' White Waists, worth \$1.25, choice 75c.

50 and 75c. Trimmed Hats, 25c.
 One lot Misses' and Children's Trimmed Hats we sold from 50 to 75c., choice 25c. A second lot Ladies' \$1.00 to \$1.50 Trimmed Hats, choice 50c. Third lot, worth up to \$2.00, for \$1.00.

Merry Widow Sailors
 At both stores you'll find a very large assortment of this most popular Hat, Blacks, Tans, Browns, White, Navy and Copenhagen, at 50 and 75c.

Our 25c. Picture Sale
 How they go! And the price sells them, for the frame is a nice gilt one and worth 50c. A real nice assortment of all kinds Pictures—Fruits, Games and all kinds subjects, 38c., 47c., 68c. to \$1.25.

China, Glassware and Crockery
 Here's the biggest, best and cheapest stock in the city. That open stock English Porcelain in the "onion blue" is beautiful. You can buy any piece or a full 100-piece dinner set for about \$8.00, and it's beautiful.

Two Lots Glassware, 10 and 25c.
 And the pieces are fine—Molasses Pitchers, Covered Butter Dishes, Berry Bowls, Celery Trays, Ice Creams, etc. Plenty pieces worth double.

Kitchen Articles
 We have some Bake Pans, Pie Pans, Kitchen Spoons, Soap Dishes, Ice Picks, Coffee Mills, Lamp Chimney Cleaners, small Scales, etc., you can get awful cheap, as we are closing all this out regardless of cost.

Baseball Outfits
 Mitts, Balls, Bats, Masks and Baseball Suits for boys. Come see them. Baseball Bats 5c. Suits \$1.25. Balls 25c.

The Little-Long Co.
 Sole Proprietors of the Little-Long Co. of Automobiles.

THE AFTERMATH OF THE VIT.
 We have undertaken to reproduce all or a part of what each of the editors who attended the meeting of the North Carolina Press Association week before last had to say of the occasion and trust that none of these outgivings has been overlooked. They have without exception been exceedingly agreeable and we beg to thank the editors in our own behalf and that of the people of Charlotte for the pleasant things they have written of the city. The Observer people and, we are sure, all the members of the city press, as well as the citizens at large had pleasure in the visit of these gentlemen, and of the ladies accompanying them, and look forward to their return. They have certainly been very handsome in their expressions of appreciation and while, as said some days ago, we are sure the city has been the gainer, the State must profit from a new interest in good roads, born of what the newspaper men have written of those of Mecklenburg. If there had been no other compensation the coming of the editors to Charlotte would have justified itself in this.

As The Savannah News says, some satisfaction will be felt in the fact that Chief Justice-Fuller, of the Supreme Court of the United States, will sit with the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, which convened in Richmond this week. In the South Carolina dispensary case. The immediate point at issue is whether or not Judge Pritchard shall be sustained in appointing receivers for the State dispensary and directing the dispensary commission to turn over the funds to them. There are suits against the commission on account of liquor which it bought and has not paid for and the decision in the pending case would seem to involve the applicability of the eleventh amendment and the recent decision in the North Carolina-Minnesota cases would seem to have a bearing. The case is a very interesting one.

There will be widespread regret in North Carolina on account of the announcement of the death of Mr. Donald Gilliam at his home in Tarboro Tuesday night. He was one of the ablest men at the bar of the State and was conspicuous and useful in the Senate branch of two Legislatures. He was distinguished, especially in the east, for his power before juries and for his skill as a political manager. No one who ever came in contact with him can ever forget his noble presence or repress a sense of sorrow in learning that he is dead.

When The Charleston News and Courier and Columbia State settle the point we will inform our readers whether the South Carolina primaries last Saturday did or did not vote for an instructed delegation to Denver. Frankly at this juncture we do not know.

Evidently this is what Col. Fairbrother always designates, with a wealth of upper class letters, as The Long Cool Spell in May.

The Kind of Men of Whom We Need
 To the Editor of The Observer:
 I am glad to see that Mr. D. A. Tompkins will make the annual address at Biddle this year. My chances for being there are limited, but I shall try to hear him. I feel that his faculty has done well in securing his services. We would like to have more D. A. Tompkinses, E. D. Lattases, G. W. Wittkowskys and men of that type who have done much to bring about progress.

CORNELIUS R. MEANS.

PLEASED WITH SITUATION.
 Mr. P. D. Gold, Jr. Takes an Optimistic View of the Insurance Situation Through the State.
 Mr. P. D. Gold, Jr. of Raleigh, first vice president and general manager of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, was in the city yesterday in conference with Mr. C. S. Alton, assistant superintendent of agencies, and Mr. J. D. Cobby, district manager for the Charlotte district. Mr. Gold remarked to an Observer man in the course of conversation that he was pleased with the situation here. "Charlotte," he said, "is always ready for a good proposition and will listen to it. The Jefferson has that proposition. We have had a good business, throughout the State, obtained by the enthusiastic agency force of the Jefferson."
 "The people of North Carolina and the South all want to keep their money at home, and build their own State. The only question is strength and security. The Jefferson can realize that they have in the Jefferson with its half million dollars surplus and policy-holders one of the strongest in the country—a company that can give all the security that the most conservative can desire."
 Mr. J. D. Cobby, the district manager in the Piedmont Building, was for several years with the Southern Power Company.

Key West Cigar Factory Destroyed by Incendiary Fire.
 Key West, Fla., May 6.—The Cortez Cigar Company's big factory, known as Lighthouse, was destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock this morning. It contained a large quantity of cigars and tobacco and loose tobacco. The watchman in making his rounds discovered burglars in the factory, giving chase to them. One of the burglars made a dash for the door, which he threw at the watchman, the lamp exploding and setting fire to the factory. Three arrests have been made by the police. A searching party found a quantity of stolen cigars about a mile from the factory. The factory will secure temporary quarters immediately. The loss is not given, but the factory was one of the largest on the island.

A Democratic Victory in Lenoir.
 Special to The Observer.
 Lenoir, May 6.—In the municipal election here Monday the entire Democratic ticket was elected by a majority of 159. Thomas H. Newsome was elected mayor, and J. C. Seagle, W. J. Lenoir and O. P. Lutz, commissioners. These gentlemen had previously been nominated by a citizens' mass meeting, but the Republicans of the town were not content with this action and nominated a straight Republican ticket, this precipitating a fight along party lines. The result of the contest was an overwhelming Democratic victory. This fight is really the beginning of the campaign in Caldwell. The prospects for Democracy in this county are bright.

Negro Boy Meets Horrible Death.
 Death in its most fearsome form befell Rex McCree, a colored boy about 14 years of age, who works on Mr. Mot Buswell's farm, 6 miles north of the city, late yesterday afternoon. The boy had been working in the field and had started home, riding his pile, at some point along the way the animal became frightened, threw the boy, whose leg caught in a dangerous trap chain, and then rushed down the road in the direction of Mr. Buswell's farm. The mule pulled up in the yard, the boy was still hanging on, although life was fast ebbing away. He lived but a few minutes after the house was reached.

Rev. Dr. R. G. Miller Ill.
 The many Charlotte friends of Rev. Dr. R. G. Miller, pastor of the Sardis A. M. E. church, will regret to learn that he is quite ill at his home in the county. Dr. Miller returned from the spring session of the First Presbytery at Yorkville, S. C., feeling unwell and late yesterday afternoon was forced to take his bed. It is sincerely hoped that he will not be troubled again as he was several months ago when he was compelled to go on to Baltimore for treatment. His numerous friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Has Herd In Course.
 Durham Herald.
 "Fac" is this thing of abusing the railroads and corporations is not as popular as we thought it was.

Situation Slightly Improved.
 A Charlotte manufacturer stated to an Observer man yesterday that a Gastonia mill had sold an order of 40,000 woolly yarns at a price from 1-2 to 2 cents above the best prices which have heretofore been offered. This is given as an evidence that the market is looking up a little.

There is a Pink Pain Tablet made by Dr. Shoop, that will positively stop any pain, anywhere, in 30 minutes. Druggists everywhere sell them as Dr. Shoop's Headache Tablets, but they are not as good as Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets. Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets simply ease blood pressure away from pain centers—that is all. Pain away from pain centers—that is all. Stop that pressure with Dr. Shoop's Headache Tablets and pain is instantly gone. 20 Tablets \$2. Sold by Muller's Pharmacy.