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THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1908.

#### ON SALE AT DENVER.

During the session of the National Democratic Convention The Charlotte Observer will be on sale at the Hotel Savoy, of Denver.

#### CONCERNING STATE PRIMARIES.

The Presbyterlan Standard, whose judgment we hold in high regard, has become convinced that all good men should use their influence against the primary system. "It has uniformly proved," says The Standard, "to be the most widely corrupting method of nominating candidates or electing officers, yet employed in the politics of the country. Where it has been introduced there is more widespread demoralization and more ill-fitted officials than anywhere else. The whole country is called betimes to hang its many ways. The result, that not vir- back. tue or qualifications win; but money Yesterday's event was an excursion corrupt consequencés "

sembling corruption, a candidate for could have made the pleasure the convention, the candidate for Pittsburg organization, while and pledged his remaining property said. besides. It is a highly expensive un- Last night addresses were delivered other. Considering this, particular Record. evil of the State primary system. This is not intended for a report enough.

Yet more serious are the flings en- of entertainment. gaged in by candidates and their friends and the bad feeling thereby a necessity slander, misrepresentation again, gentlemen: and unjust belittlement almost inevitably arise. Factional bitterness is bred or increased tenfold. How downright feroclous the State primary plan renders polities, except during an occasional interval when strife has burnt itself out, let the experience of every State where the system is highly developed testify. The public is kept stirred up for months, the State boils of the matter. with agitation and counter-agitation, ud and flith till the air, business shripks within liself in fear, neighbor will hardly speak to neighbor, and the hole face of things undergoes change. Needless to say, such conditions place an energious premium upon demagory and frequently result in the elevation of gross mishts to high office. arolina nof Vargiota is all that it often enough, hould be, we unhesitatingly challenge

South Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, Mississippi or Tennessee will prove exceedingly instructive. That North Carolina wants the brand of politics which has afflicted these States since they took up the primary plan we do stand as frightful examples. It is within every one's recollections how ance it is that makes as out of every the Simmons-Carr senatorial contest 100 men act the fool at a big conand the contest for Governor just contest. The one-hundredth man escape to the contest for Governor just by contest he contest for Governor just by contes closed bred a strife which must be another conclusion. In Tennessee to- place: day there is admitted doubt whether at each other during the recent savageries can by the most strenuous efforts be brought together again before election day; moreover, the Republi- fool cans point out that the party as a whole lies under blackest condemnation if one-tenth of what either element said be accepted for truth. One such contest among Democrats as Georgia has lately been having every other year would almost certainly cost North Carolina to the Demo-

We quite agree with The Standard hat objections many and great present themselves when the primary system is considered. At the same time we believe that the evil must be regarded as a necessary one-absolutely necessary in the one-party States and hardly avoidable in North Carolina. The Democracy of this State, therefore, should seek to minmize what cannot well be entirely helped. To hold all the county primaries on the same day, leaving counies, as at present, free to hold no primaries at all for State officers, if they think best, would doubtless prove a beneficial modification. Further change than this we cannot believe advisable-certainly not at present. It is a very difficult problem indeed.

#### THE MEETING OF THE NEWSPA-PER MEN AT GAFFNEY.

The South Carolina Press Associa tion is composed of a most agreeable head in shame on account of the re- body of gentlemen and its meeting sults of the method in one State or now in progress at Gaffney is an another. It furnishes the occasion for ideal one. The people of the city are campaigns made up largely of dis- expressing their hospitality wholecussions in which personalities consti- heartedly arts with unanimity. The tute the chief matter. Each aspirant sessions are being held and the guests spends his efforts in traducing the quartered at Limestone College, just name of all other aspirants for the outside the town, in the summer vasame position. It often happens that cation, and the liberties of the place men of good reputation and really are being graciously extended by its high character are practically de- able and accomplished president, Dr. the masses by the use of money in sociation, is in charge, with Mr. Ed. the purchasing of votes, done either DeCamp, of The Gaffney Ledger, asdirectly or indirectly. The effects of sisting as director general, with every

In elections, is only one of the many to Gaston Falls on Broad river, where an electrical development of ten-That the indictment here brought thousand horse-power has just been rests upon a basis of essential truth completed. This work is in charge of there can be, we think, very little Mr. Oscar Shanks, who was the par- charge there was an entire absence doubt. The State primary system, cicular host of the occasion, and of extortion, graft or greed. however arranged, presents evils under whose direction the visitors, many and ineradicable. Candidates carried on a special train, were shown | He who thinks that Furnitoid at. ey profusely in order to perfect a afterwards. The suests, many of State-wide organization. Though he whom were ladies, most have numshould steer clear of anything re- bered two hundred. Nothing which and while the west will be enthusi-Governor of North Carolina will im- day complete was lacking and afterpoverish himself unless he be a man wards Mr. Shanks was made the unhead-over-ears into debt is pitifully of acknowledgment. The company handicapped. According to a state- making this development, most of the ment in joint debate nine days before product of which has been sold is a Governor finally successful here last Shanks, the manager, is a Kentyckian, Saturday spent all he had available a native of Breathitt county. It is

dertaking at the very best. The sav- by Third Assistant Postmaster Genings of years may be replaced with eral A. R. Lawshee and Mr. R. H. Ed- and there will be found in every coun-

the Democrats of Kentucky to "call acknowledgment of manifold courtthe blanked thing off and let the poor estes and the pleasure felt in renew- like, as this writer did not accept his man have a chance." Obvious pos- ing old vows and the formation of advice about statutory sibilifies of corruption quite apart, the new friendships. As for Gaffney, expense factor is a serious problem alert, attractive and prosperous, it is

argused. Two or more members of vention carried the Charlotte date the same party, rather likely to filch line all over the country under goodeach other's campaign thunder than sized headings for nearly a week. Reto differ radically upon any momen- turning delegates have carried highly tous public question, are necessarily favorable impressions of the conventhrown back upon personalities for tion city all over the State. At the their issues. Each, along with his lowest estimate \$50,000 went into supporters, can only cry himself up Charlotte tills. The fun and exciteand cry the other down. Out of such ment made just so much extra. Come

> The hot interview of last June 12th been one of those rare cases of successful imposition upon the Assoclated Press. Mr. Hill has cabled a detailed denial, which may be accepted as reasonably conclusive. He did not explode, and that is the end

Ex-Governor Montague, of Virginia, has descended from his brief perch upon the party fence, and we are

upon the Democratic side.

It should be Gray and Bryan, gentlemen of the Denver , convention, rather than Bryan and Gray, Mr. While the politics of neither North Bryan has had the lead position quite

### NOTES OF THE CONVENTION

BY ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Imprimis, let me make to you, Mr. Editor, the cleanly cut statement that I am very fond of Mr. Kitchin, the not for a moment believe. They man, and we all are now earnestly We do not know what subtle influ-

capes by remaining at home. closed bred a strife which must be Maj. George H. Hall, of Red recognized as evidence that this system presents grave possibilities of for "Horne and Harmony" until the party disruption. The Democratic man of the Robeson delegation and made a good one. On the third day, strong enough carolina and Georgia can afford the doubtful luxury of such frenzied per-formances; but the Democratic party Auditorium a few minutes for lunch. in States like North Carolina, Virginia Passing the city hall he was seen by or Tennessee, where the opposition is a Kitchinite, who had partaken rather far from negligible, may well reach too freely of liquid refreshments. when the following colloquy took

Kitchinite-"Hall, why don't you

Needless to say, there was no further exchange of advice and compli ments, and Major Hall, after getting lunch, returned to the Auditorium,

Charlotte is a "dry" city, but the delegates were told if they didn't see ist, when his friends would rush to him and pull him down. We don't ston, of street fame, is another of what he many he hadn't seen the unfortunates. what he wanted.

strange things is politics. y side, as allies, desperately fighting raig, were some men whom we saw in Raleigh at the special session urging State prohibition, claiming that it was far and away above all other questions and breathing out threatenings and slaughter against all who didn't see it their way; with them were others, who would have none of 'raig, because he believed this and canvassed for prohibition

Uncle Ashley had the balance of power and turned it loose. The Morally Stunted had some power, too, but we didn't see it roaming at large at any time.

Capt. Swift Galloway said of the body which stormed the last Legislature for State prohibition that tiful women and strong men were at convention for Craig, but there was no abnormality of hirsute adornment among them,

Chairman Parsons gladly would have While "tis only noble to be good,"

we think we can now get some testi-

drews can't do better than to get up 2 1-2 or 3 votes in the State, they had best retire from politics.

duction of friends and unfinished stories are his long suit. As a hostess Charlotte was queenly.

Open-handed and hearted hospitality was everywhere in evidence, and

for Governor where the contest is the power-house dam and grounds business in North Carolina will wake spirited must, of course, expend mon- and were enterwined at luncheon up to find himself sudty mistaken. Remember that a change of a little more than 40 votes from Kitchin to Craig would have nominated Craig, of the astically for Simmons, because, if for no other reason, of the stand he took for Craig, he can yet divide the east with any man who will oppose him. It of wealth; while the candidate who willing victim of resolutions of thanks must be remembered, too, that many cannot raise the price even by going and be forced to say some words enthusiastic Kitchinites who differed with Simmons on the gubernatorial matter remain the fast friends of our

North Carolinians are not ungratemons' services in behalf of our State, our manhood, our womanhood, have been too valuable and long continued, easily to be forgotten, or for him to be thrust aside. If the attempt should be made, a battle royal will be waged debts and yet the prize may go to an- monds, editor of The Manufacturers' ty those who are ordinarily only mildly interested in politics, but who. when the onset is directed at him personally, will surround him and gover-Colonel Watterson not long ago urged but only a passing reference and an ing him with their shields, will fight the death, if need be.

prohibition. but keep your hands off him!

Convention anger and convention

while there cast his vote for Craig, on account of a friendship begun in boyhood, and because he believed that titled this time to the place; he is plication form 304. happy, however, to be able to say that Mr. Kitchin is a gentleman of engaging personality, of charming manners; a Democrat is thoroughly orthowith ex-Senator Hill appears to have dox, and, in the opinion of your correspondent, will make a model Gov-

The electrical display was superb. Festoons of starlets hung gracefully from the buildings. The streets were a sheen of light, and as one wandered along it was easy to think that the brightest, cleanest, best of the Mid-way, the Pike and the Warpath had been hir ught together. And then again if one wished to re-visit the streets of Cairo, to hear the beating sad to say that he has descended of noise, and with a dainty and altogether blameless touch of the far Eastern dance here and there, he had only to be in the Auditorium when a demonstration was in progress

## BLIND TIGER DETECTIVES.

The Operations of a Couple of This Sort in the City During the Past Week of Ten Days

The movements for several days of a couple of blind tiger detectives, Messrs, J. O. Edwards and R. C. Mc-Knight, have given trouble to those who have been accustomed to disposing of "drinkables" on the quiet. For the past two mornings the time of the city court has been consumed in disposing of cases worked up by these detectives, some of liam Harvey Overcarsh, of Charlotte which have the semblance of being N. strong enough for convictions and daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. A.

It is declared that several drug whom warrants will be issued for violating the law regulating the dispensation of whiskey in this city. Against one, the Hamilton-Martin ompany, formerly the Atkinson the factions which, spit and snarled quit your foolishness, do as I tell Drug Company, a warrant has been set issued and the hearing has been set Kitchin?"

Major'G. H.—"Because I am not taking the advice of a d—n drunken be made out have not been divulged and the officials at the station refuse to take the public into their confion this point.

Forty-four blind tiger cases docketed as a result of the work of again to proclaim Horne with great these detectives, who were brought happy couple departed on the Southvocal power, and much facial exer- here by the city and put to work to ern train amid showers of rice from residents of the red light district inlow would rise from his seat, and after bellowing out, "Mr. Chairman!" would begin to act like a grant tion. L. L. Propst. keeps. pool room of the Selwyn Hotel, has also been indicted, and Frank John-

John Edwards, cone of the noted of the blind tiger sort, who has been arrested time and again by local officers, is charged in separate warrants for selling whis key, and Frank Grier, another of the same type, is charged with the same offense in three warrants. Four warrants are held against George Ewing and one against Will Culber-

The attorneys, or some of them, who have been representing the defendants for the past two days in city court have been fierce in their denunciations of the men who have worked up the cases, criticising primarily their methods and also the city for paying them to do this sort of work. Before it is all over there is indication that there will be more fun of the same sort.

#### BÉAUTIFUL STATE FLAG.

The beautiful silk State flag which

to be presented by the Daughters Once or twice we believe that of the American Revolution to the which is hand made. The silk used in its construction is the best ob-

a larger one of bunting, will be presented to the cruiser North Carolina to-morrow by Mrs. John Var Landingham, of this city, State regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She will also read a poem written by Miss S O'H. Dick-son, of Winston-Salem, which is dedicated to the flag. Lieutenant dedicated to the flag. Lieutenant Governor F. D. Winston, in the absence of Gov. R. B. Glenn, will make the presentation speech on behalf of

## Engineers to Spend Day at Great Falls,

The Charlotte branch of the gineering Society of the South will spend Saturday at Great Falls, S. C., inspecting the two mammoth de-velopments there of the Southern Power Company. the number of about 40 and the innothing happens to the contrary partments will not be excess to the in-will reach the falls about 9 o'clock come. This means that the running After looking over the completed plant at Great Falls, the party will take the "dinky" down to Rocky Creek, where the second big power, which is not yet complete, will inspected. The return trip will be made so as to arrive in Charlotte shortly after 7 o'clock that evening

Examination For Messenger Boy For Local Weather Bureau.

The United States civil service comcovering itself with glory in its spirit graditude are twinlets which rarely of entertainment.

| Solve the graditude are twinlets which rarely ever survive November's chilly winds, eligibles from which to make certification. and if this isn't well, it might just cation to fill a vacaticy in the position of messenger boy, at \$360 per annum, After all, Kitchin and Craig stood vacancies requiring similar qualificafor the same things, and both were tions as they may occur in any supported alike by the so-called rad-branch of the service in this vicinity. ical and conservative Democrais. The The age limit is 14 to 20 years on writer left Charlotte some hours before a nomination was made, but plicants should at once apply either to the United States civil service commission. Washington, D. C., or to the secretary of the board of exthe west and their candidate were en- aminers, postoffice, Charlotte, for ap-

Farmers' Institutes This Summer. Mr. C. C. Moore, whose interest in farmers knows no change, whether elected Commissioner Agriculture or not, has announced institutes for the summer as follows:

Pineville, Thursday, July 23d. Newells, Friday, July 24th. Hickory Grove, Friday, August 7th. Davidson, Thursday, August 13th, Dixle, Friday, July 31st. Hoskins, Thursday, August 16th (the Baldwin Industrial School),

## The Origin of Yeggmen.

To the Editor of The Observer: Perhaps you aiready know and are having a little fun out of the boys about the origin of Yeghnen. This is the way one of them tells it: In order to test membership in the gang the final question was, "When did you see John Yegg?" If the reply was "I know nothing of him." then the inter-view is stoped. If he was a genuine yeggman he would reply. "Oh, yes, I yeggman he would reply 'On, yes, I saw John at such a place last week."
Then, he would tell all about John who had no existense at all, but his story showed he belonged to the gang.

CHARLES PETTY.

OVERCARSH-SNYDER NUPTIALS.

Well-Known Charlotte. Young Man Wedded to Miss Ruth fillbert Sny-der in Virginia—Will Arrive in City To-Morrow.

Mr. Harvey Overcarsh and bride, who have been spending their honey-moon in Northern cities, will return to Charlotte to-morrow. They will live at 605 South Tryon street.

The following account is from the Shenandoah Valley paper:
"In Woodstock, Va., June 24th,
1908, at 7:30 a. m. Miss Ruth Gilbert Snyder became the bride of Mr. Wil-C. The bride is the youngest Snyder, of Woodstock. the bride, the venerable Rev. Dr. Sny der, performed the ceremony at his stores are on the list of those against residence on Muhlenberg street, the marriage rites being witnessed by

few relatives and friends. Among others present, the out-oftown guests were the following: Mrs. William Overcarsh, mother of the groom, of Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas, sister of the bride, of Woodbury, N. J.; Mr. George W. Snyder, brother of the bride, of Wellsburg, W. Va.; Mr. A. H. Snyder, half-brother of the bride, of Harrisonburg, Va.

The bride was attired in a traveling suit of tan chiffon broadcloth. Immediately after the ceremony the catch whoever they could, no matter their friends for New York City. The upon whom the charge fell. They bride while a pupil of Elizabeth Colhave succeeded in having several lege in Charlotte, N. C., met Mr. Over-

> and attractive, and highly esteemed The groom is an instructor in piano, organist and choir director. He has a studie and enjoys the reputation of a first-class musician.

"We unite with their humerous friends in extending cordial congratulations and best wishes for a life pro-longed in marital happiness."

#### BIG TIME AT MILWAUKEE.

Returned Delegates From T. P. A. Meeting in Milwaukee Talk Interestingly of the National Meeting, and of Asheville's Success in Landing Convention For Next Year.

Mr. Burrell Hyde Marsh, of Winston-Salem, State president of the T. P. A., spent yesterday in Charlotte returning from Milwaukee, where the North Carolina delegates and members succeeded in landing the big convention of 3,000 members for Asheville next June.

Mr. Mary states that the North composed largely of long-haired men The One to Be Presented to the Mr. T. Edgar Harvey, of this city, and and short-haired women. Many beau. Cruiser North Carolina on Exhibition Yesterday at Tate-Brown's- convention and over 2,500 copies were Presentation Ceremonies to Take given away to members from nearly every State in the Union.

North Carolina was represented by Mr. Marsh, of Winston; Mr. Harvey cruiser North Carolina to-morrow off of this city, and Messrs. George Edexchanged places with the umpire of Beaufort inlet was on exhibition wards of Rocky Mount; T. J. Lowe, of a baseball game—and paid some boot, yesterday in the Tate-Brown Com- Wilmington; J. J. Norman, of Winpany's show window on South Tryon ston; C. F. Tomlinson, of High Point; street and attracted a vast deal of C. C. McLean, of Greensboro, State attention. The flag was made by secretary. In addition a number graded in the eyes of the people by Lee Davis Lodge, who extended a mony that it is not always polities to composition and construction, and in the composition and construction and convention for Asheville in 199, incomposition and construction.

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stand out in State history, namely, city."
May 20th. 1775, the date of the signing of the memorable Mecklen-ful one, and the Southern delegates burg Declaration of Independence, received many attentions. The ad-and April 12th, 1775, the day on dresses to the convention in behalf of the system are altogether evil in very man and woman of Gaffney at his burg our good friend Dr. Josephus which North Carolina instructed her Asheville were made by F. R. Hewitt, Profundus —— but, hush! Introdelegates to the Continental Con- of Asheville; Mr. Marsh, Col. John S. delegates to the Continental Con-gress to vote for independence. These Harwood and Mr. Harvey. It was dates are woven in and evidence the an interesting fight the North Carodates are woven in and evidence the skilled make-up of the flag, all of linians had to bring the convention which is hand made. The silk used South. The Southern Railway had distributed thousands of circulars settainable and is of the kind which is ting forth the beauties of the section made especially for the purpose. around about Asheville. The com-This beautiful flag, together with petitors were Asheville, Omaha, Chattanooga and Birmingham. The mawas 23. Milwaukee spent about \$35,000 entertaining the crowd.

## NO APPROPRIATIONS MADE.

Finance Committee Meets But Takes No Definite and Final Action in Regard to the Appropriations For Fiscal Year.

The meeting of the finance committee of the board of aldermen in conference with the chairmen of the finance committees from the subboards which was held last night resulted in no final action in regard to

of the Southern The committee has agreed, how-The members to ever, on one thing and that is that economy will be practised more exvited guests will leave on the early tensively this year than last and that morning train for Rock Hill, and if the appropriations to the several deexpenses of the municipality are to be reduced, for at the rate money has been expended heretofore, the income would not meet all the expenses incurred in operating the affairs of the

it is very likely that the curtailment will extend through the entire system and that some men will be cut off from all the city forces. The appropriations to the police depart-ment, street and sewer department, mission announces an examination on and health department, too, will be less than they were last year.

The language of one member of the committee was, "there is no use trying to appropriate more than we have got

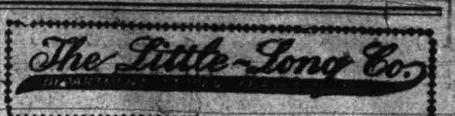
#### Notes From Davidson College, Special to The Observer.

Davidson, July 1 .- Much interest s felt here in college circles as to whether or not Rev. Grey Mc-Allister, who recently resigned the presidency of Hampden Sidney College and has since been elected secretary of the board of schools and colleges, the office recently estab-lished by the Southern Presbyterian Assembly, will accept the position. It is feit that the selection is an admirable one if Dr. McAlister can be prevailed upon to enter the work an all-important one to schools and colleges of the Presbyterian Church,

The college plant in winding up its sawmill operations will soon begin the sawing of about 300,000 laths, to be cut from the scraps of lumbe that have been collecting about the mitt The manager, Mr. Tom Hall, thinks there is a nice profit in the

Colonel Horne Gets Big Horne, Mr. F. A. Hicks has shipped to Col.
Ashley Horne, at Clayton, the monster
tin horn which he made for the State convention, and which was used with such telling effect in that assemblage The instrument was at least 20 feet in length and proportionately thick and wide. It took three men to carry it up and down the Auditorium alses, as was done after Bickett's nominating speech. Voices, shouted through its commodicus interior, had tremendous carrying power.

Mr. Horne will preserve it as a so venir of his gubernatorial race.



# HRASHNGS

# lege in Charlotte, N. C., met Mr. Over-carsh, a native resident of that city. "The bride is quite accomplished in English branches, music, etc., amiable

White, Black and all shades of Moire Belting, Plain and Fancy. Price the Belt ... . 25 and 35c.

## **New Ribbons**

Wide Hair Ribbon, good, stiff quality-Black, White and all the popular shades. Price the 

# Carolina sketch book, gotten up by Mr. T. Edgar Harvey, of this city, and others, was much sought after at the

No. 201x. Don't forget this number. It's the greatest Stocking on the market to-day. Price the pair .... .... 50c.

# **Plaid Top Socks**

An express shipment of Plaid Top Socks received yesterday-Red, Pink, Brown and Blue. 

# Silk Gloves

Centemeri Long Silk Gloves, White, Black and all the popular shades. Price the pair

.... \$1.00 and \$1.50

## the appropriations for the fiscal year which began June 1st. The committee has agreed, how-

Another shipment of those popular numbers of Ruching, including Winslows and Merry 

## Listen!

Those White Parasols are still on sale at 1-3 off. Don't wait till the best bargains are sold. First come, first served. Price each ... \$1.00 to \$3.00

# Summer Underwear

The most attractive line of Summer Knit Underwear that we have ever shown. Price per gar-

The Little Long Co.