

CROWDS BELOW AVERAGE

PLENTY OF TIME YET, HOWEVER

Three Days Before the Time of Meeting... The streets have been ablaze with color, an incessant din of cannon and crackers has mingled with the enthusiasm of arriving political delegations...

TAR HEELS ARRIVE.

The arrivals to-day included the Missouri delegation headed by the tall, gaunt form of Senator Stone; part of the North Carolina delegation headed by Governor Glenn...

BRYAN HAS STRONG LEAD.

"Do you consider the presidential nomination still an open question, or is Mr. Bryan's nomination reasonably assured?" Judge Parker was asked to-day.

NO DIVISION OF SENTIMENT.

"Don't call it division of sentiment. It is the same as to measure as it is to men—we are here for an exchange of views. We are all devoted to the great party with which we have long been identified. In a gathering of one thousand men from every section of this immense country...

A CLEANLINESS CRUSADE COURT HOUSE DEDICATED

COLUMBIA HEALTH BOARD BUSY

Twenty-One Cases Before the Pallet Capital Recorder on Accounts Unsettled... The local board of health is very much in earnest about the campaign it recently inaugurated with three special inspectors in charge to require the owners and occupants of premises throughout the city to give their places thorough cleaning for the summer and keep them clean.

INVITED TO RECEPTION.

A letter received by the Governor this morning extends a special invitation to the party to go on from this State for the christening of the battleship South Carolina in the Cramps yard shops on July 11th to a reception to be given on the evening of the 11th to the Carolinians in the Southern Club, Philadelphia by Mr. W. A. Law, formerly of Spartanburg, but now of the Merchants and Farmers' Bank of Philadelphia.

TROOPS TO STOP COCK FIGHT.

A distress signal came to-day to the Governor from Greenwood over the signature of W. H. Boulware, saying: "Chicken fight at Dyonson, send help."

BESSEMER CITY CELEBRATES.

Several Thousand People Gather For the Exercises of the Glorious Fourth, and There is Barbecue and Speaking. Bessemer City, July 4.—From three to four thousand people turned out to hear the public speaking at the Fourth of July celebration here to-day.

THE DAY AT WILMINGTON.

A General Reception of Business and Pleas of Amusement, Including a Regatta, Aquatic Sports and Two Ball Games. Wilmington, July 4.—All Wilmington turned itself over to-day to a glorious celebration of the Fourth. Barring the weather conditions the celebration was in every way a success and perhaps on a more comprehensive scale than before in Wilmington.

CONES PICNIC EMPLOYEES

GRAND LAYOUT TO MILL PEOPLE

With a Bounty That Knew No Bounds Well-Known Mill Owners at Greensboro Knew a Celebration That Is Indeed Glorious—Mr. Conner, Conner Welcomes the Thousands That Gather and Assures His People That There Will Be No Shut-Down—Enormous Quantities of Refreshments Consumed—Special Provision Made For Pleasures of All Mothers—Prizes of Cash Awarded For Well-Kept Premises—A Couple Makes It a Wedding Day.

EXERCISES AT BATTLE GROUND.

Usual Celebration at Historic Revolutionary Field of Battle—Addresses and Talks by Bishop Rondthaler, Mr. John Crouch and Mr. C. B. Watson—Mr. Trogdon Reads Report, Which Shows All Wells on the Grounds Completed.

UNEXPECTED INCIDENT.

In concluding his remarks, Mr. Conner stated that the natal day of American independence was an auspicious occasion for a man to surrender his liberty and become the subject of some good deed.

BOUNTIFUL REFRESHMENTS.

The chief interest on the picnic grounds was a large tent, about 300 feet in length, from which refreshments were served to the crowd. A force of 150 uniformed waiters served lemonade, ice cream, watermelon, cakes, wafers, sliced pineapples, peaches, strawberries, pickles, etc.

CASH PRIZES AWARDED.

A feature of the day was the presentation of cash prizes to the three mill villages. The prizes, which ranged from \$15 down, were presented to 50 operatives of each of the mills. These prizes are awarded annually and serve as a great stimulus to the people of White Oak and Frimley and are a revolution in improving and beautifying their premises.

BURLINGTON JOINS IN CELEBRATING.

Burlington, July 4.—July Fourth has been patriotically observed here, but for the first time in many years no preparation whatever for the entertainment of the throng from the many small surrounding villages, which by custom if for no other reason, annually assemble here, was made.

RAIN BADLY INTERRUPTS AT ASHEVILLE.

Asheville, July 4.—The celebration of the Fourth of July in Asheville was badly interrupted to-day by rain. During the morning hours there were frequent showers, while in the afternoon rain fell in considerable quantity.

DELEGATES VISIT BRYAN

OVER 800 GREET NEBRASKAN.

Visitors From Many States and Adjacent Country Spend the Fourth on Mr. Bryan's Farm—All Given a Pleasant Smile and Welcomed With Cheerful Benediction—Mr. Bryan Tells Visitors He Hopes to See Them Pass in Review Before the White House—His Political Rule Long Enough to Rap National Chairman Guffey, of Pennsylvania—North Carolinians Among Visitors.

SCORES MR. GUFFEY.

Mr. Bryan beamed upon them; he smiled at them; he welcomed them with cheerful benediction, and he told them he hoped to see them pass in review before the White House on March 4th next.

TAR HEELS ARRIVE.

National Committeeman Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh, N. C.; John W. Williams, of Greensboro, and son, Bryan of Alabama, have returned to Ohio; Governor Noel, of Mississippi, and Mrs. Broward, of Florida, were appointed to the platform to-day.

THE CRUISER LEAVES FOR NORFOLK.

Morehead City, July 4.—The North Carolinians here and their guests, the officers of the cruiser North Carolina and the revenue cutters, Apache and Seminole, certainly made a night of it for it was a glorious morning when the banquet at which two hundred ladies and gentlemen were present, came to an end with the last of the toasts. The ball was brilliant with twenty-five officers in uniform and other guests.

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The cruiser leaves these waters Monday for the Norfolk navy yard to complete her equipment, and her wireless system is not yet complete. She will have her gun practice later in the summer. Her officers are delighted at their reception.

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EIGHT STATES REPRESENTED.

"I have not been in the South as much as in the North, and if you have suffered by my absence, you have surely suffered for righteousness sake, for I have gone where I have been more needed, and when I have gone South it has not been to bring inspiration to you, but to get inspiration from you (applause), and you have given me so much that I have stuck up those things for which we have all contended and I ask no higher honor, no greater favor of our Heavenly Father than that He shall permit me to be a factor in the securing of that which the people believe to be best for the advancement of the people's interests and for the strengthening of the people's government."

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YET ANOTHER CONVENTION

R. F. D. CARRIERS MEET HERE.

Fifth Annual Convention of Rural Letter Carriers Closed Yesterday at Wilmington. After Selecting the Electric City as Next Meeting Place—Feature of Yesterday's Session—Address of Postmaster Briggs of Raleigh—More Than a Hundred Members of the Association Attended and Were Much Pleased With the Entertainment of the City by the Sea—Officers Chosen Last Evening—Delegates Leave For Home. Special to The Observer.

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Wilmington, July 4.—The fifth annual convention of the North Carolina Rural Carriers' Association came to a close with the Fourth of July festivities this afternoon after sessions continuing through two days in the United States court room. Considerably more than a hundred delegates and members of their families were in attendance and the visitors express themselves as delighted with the entertainment received.

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The convention opened yesterday morning with a national exercises by Rev. Fred H. Hale, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, and the address of welcome was in exceedingly graceful language by Postmaster Briggs of Raleigh, the response being by Vice President, C. H. Bakers, of Monroe, and Mr. C. B. Satterfield, of Person county. The opening hour was devoted to a discussion of the good roads question, which was treated by Postmaster Briggs, who is capable of judging of the condition of the thoroughfares of the State. The benefits of organization were very generally discussed at the afternoon session together with the question of mutual insurance. A committee composed of C. U. Monday, Asheville; L. D. Hamlin, Durham; T. V. Howell, Peachland; J. C. Pierce, Rocky Mount; and W. D. Pearsall, Rocky Point, having been named to make some definite recommendation to the association in this matter. The evening session was dispensed with and the carriers and their guests responded to supper at Wrigglesville Beach, returning to the city shortly after 10 o'clock last night.

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The convention adjourned this evening to meet next year in Charlotte. The following officers were elected: President, C. H. Bakers, Asheville; vice president, A. J. Hunter, Charlotte; secretary and treasurer, J. W. Brooks, Roxboro; executive committee, C. U. Monday, Asheville; S. H. Rogers, Greensboro; E. D. Pearsall, Rocky Point; delegate to national convention at Omaha, J. W. Brooks, Roxboro; alternate, V. T. Howell, Peachland.

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A feature of to-day's session was an excellent address by Postmaster Willis G. Briggs of Raleigh. He spoke of the various phases of the rural carriers' service and the high efficiency of the service, it being through the Raleigh office that these men are paid and directed in the State.

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