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THE RACE ISSUE AT DENVER.

A Denver special of the 5th to The Washington Post says that "now the Democrats, after having enjoyed the discomfiture of the Republicans, are threatened with a bitter dose of the same medicine."

The reason for the embarrassment to result from this movement on the part of the negroes is obvious. A number of the Northern Democratic delegates, it is stated, are in favor of such a pronouncement as is suggested.

BETTER BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

After a long lay-off, fifty thousand men of Pittsburgh and vicinity returned to work Monday. From many points in the country come reports of the re-employment of workmen and of revived railroad activity.

But this is by the way. This is the farmer's year and the prospect for industrial and commercial revival in the South and the country over, is brighter than it has been since the panic came upon it.

It will be observed that in the municipal budget provided for by the board of aldermen at its meeting Monday night three times the largest single item of appropriation is for interest—\$40,000. Debt is an expensive luxury.

The Bryan committee draft of resolutions relating to the death of Mr. Cleveland reads like the "Tribute of Respect" of a Masonic lodge. The resolutions of Judge Parker, which he would have offered if he had been allowed to, sound otherwise.

Mr. Bryan's special this morning is the most interesting thing to North Carolinians that has come from Denver yet. The Carolinians appear to have had a rather stormy caucus Monday night.

THE EXPLANATION OF IT.

The Statesville Landmark, discussing the fact that at the first session of the Democratic State convention it would not even hear a Bryan resolution but made so great a tumult that the reader of it was forced to desist, and in the closing hours of the convention adopted a resolution of endorsement and instruction, offers this explanation:

On a viva voce vote the convention would have dictated a Bryan resolution at any time. On a roll call it would have been adopted the first day, because the politicians who look at everything from the standpoint of policy, didn't have the nerve—that is, few of them—to go on record against Bryan.

These we believe to be the exact facts. The voice of the first day was the voice of the North Carolina Democracy and it expressed itself unmistakably as opposed to Bryan. Conditions changed with the diminution in attendance, the convention being attended at its conclusion by a handful, and by the adoption of the ballot instead of the viva voce vote.

Editor Hemphill, of The Charleston News and Courier, in the course of an intemperate and ribald denunciation of the editor of The Observer, characterizes him as "the champion perverter of history, ready, willing and waiting to add the sin of bloodshed to the crime of confiscation."

There was never in politics a thing more grotesque than the idea of Judge George Gray, a Cleveland Democrat of the most straitest sect, a conservative of conservatives, a Gold-buckler who voted for Palmer and Glickner in 1896, on the national ticket with Col. Wm. J. Bryan.

The Observer deeply regrets that it can extend no more hope than it can to the admirers and friends of ex-Judge William Preston Byrum, touching his physical condition. The days remaining to this great man are not many, and none is more keenly alive than he to the fact that the pale horse stands at the door.

The result of the first and only ballot on the presidential nomination being a foregone conclusion, evidences of any interest in the Denver convention are thus far absent. Indeed, excepting the nomination for Vice President and the platform there is nothing of interest to expect.

DURHAM NEWS BUDGET.

Hotel Corcoran to Be Enlarged, and Improvements Made at Trinity Methodist Church. The property belongs to Mrs. Ella Mangum, a widow, Southern's Detective Does Good Work. Special to The Observer.

Durham, July 7.—The contract has been awarded for the enlargement of the present Hotel Corcoran and when the work is completed Durham will have a hotel that will more fully take care of the traveling public.

Trinity Methodist church is undergoing a \$5,000 improvement, to put it in fine shape for the Conference in the fall. The improvement that is now being made consists in adding an additional vest in the rear of the Holy street entrance, the tearing away of the old vestibule, enlarging the basement and putting in toilet rooms for gentlemen and ladies in the basement.

Shortly after noon yesterday John Whitaker, a young white man, was badly hurt in a runaway on Main street. He was driving a horse hitched to a wagon when the animal became frightened and ran. The wagon collided with a tree on the west side of the street.

During the last month Detective J. A. Woodall, of the Southern Railway, who has charge of the criminal work between Greensboro and Durham, has caused the arrest of 22 who have damaged the railroad in one way or another. Most of these were for injury to property, beating riders, robbing cars and offices.

COLLEGE FOR WILMINGTON.

Professor Padgett, of Winston-Salem, will Organize Business School at Charlotte Man as Principal—Winston and Wilmington Colleges to Be Incorporated. Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, July 7.—Prof. C. L. Padgett, president of the Twin City Business College, which was established here over twelve months ago, announced to-day that he is arranging to open another business college in Wilmington and that the two will be incorporated and run under the name of the Southern Commercial Schools Company.

Professor Padgett will continue to reside here and be in charge of the school in this city, and a young business man of ability, whose present home is in Charlotte, will have charge of the Wilmington school. The growth of the Twin City Business College has been phenomenal.

The Wilmington school will be fashioned on the order of the one here. The system of book-keeping and other methods of teaching employed here will be used there.

OLD MAN DRIVEN OVER.

High Point Citizen Suffered Severe Injuries During Parade—Part of Stolen Goods Found. Special to The Observer.

High Point, July 7.—During the parade here Saturday Mr. Noah Jarrell, one of the pioneer citizens of High Point, was knocked down by a horse driven by some outsider who was trying to get around a side street into Main, and the old gentleman was painfully though not fatally injured. It is learned that the man after knocking Mr. Jarrell down did not even stop to offer assistance.

Last week the store of Mr. Idol in Mechanicville was entered by unknown parties and a wagon load of goods, amounting to over \$200, was taken. The officers have been on the lookout and yesterday a quantity of the stolen goods was found, but the thieves are still at large. The goods were taken to Mr. Idol, who identified them at once. Dalton, the mother of Mr. R. V. Dalton, of this city, is critically ill at her home in Concord, necessitating Mr. Dalton's presence for the past several days.

Advertisement for The Keeley Institute, Greensboro, N.C., featuring 'The Keeley Cure' for liquor and morphine.

TRIAL FOLLOWS MARRIAGE.

Groom Has a Number of Charges Brought Against Him But Comes Out All Right in the End—Annual Excursion to Charlotte the 7th—Brief Statesville Notes. Special to The Observer.

Statesville, July 7.—Court proceedings, which were the aftermath of a runaway marriage, were heard before Justice Sloan at the court house yesterday afternoon in the presence of a good crowd of spectators. Elmore Cloninger, a widower with children, who recently fell in love with Mary Weatherman, a young daughter of a Mrs. Weatherman, who lives near Cloninger, was the defendant.

Mr. Eugene Morrison will run his annual excursion from Taylorsville and Statesville to Charlotte Friday, the 17th. While the excursion is run primarily for the Sunday school of the Associate Reformed church, it will also be a pleasure trip.

The quarterly meeting of the Iredell-Alexander Medical Society was held in the court house here yesterday. The attendance was better than usual, but only routine business was transacted. Dr. J. McKay Hunter, of Stony Point, was received into the society.

Mr. W. D. Cowles, of Charlotte, a brother of the late Gen. A. D. Cowles, has been in town several days. He is now representing the Equitable Life Assurance Company, an long representative here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Turner expect to leave the latter part of the week for Gainesville, Tex., where they will reside here. Mr. Turner's mother, who formerly lived here, has been living at Gainesville for some time. Mr. Turner has for some time held a responsible position at J. C. Steele & Sons' machine shop.

NO SCRIPTS IN DURHAM EITHER.

Aldermen Spring a Surprise by Refusing to Grant License to Drug Store—One Alderman Absent and Another Vote Will Be Taken, and Mayor Will Have to Break Tie. Special to The Observer.

Durham, July 7.—Last night the board of city aldermen sprung a surprise on the drug store that have been getting license to sell whiskey and by a vote of 4 to 3—one member of the board being absent at the time—voted to refuse any and all licenses for the sale of whiskey in Durham. By this act Durham is made, from a theoretical standpoint, as "dry" as a bone.

The action of the board came not only as a surprise to the drug store and the public but to the board of aldermen as well, and the licensees were in reality refused after they had assumed of the case. It came about in this way. The three drug stores that have been selling whiskey on prescription made the usual application for license and sent in a motion made in each case that the license be granted; this was seconded and without discussion the question was put. Two or three of the aldermen voted in the affirmative and there was a negative vote. Finally after all the licensees had been granted some one suggested that the aldermen were not voting on the questions as they should and it was again suggested that a second vote be taken and that all members of the board vote one way or another. In the meantime one of the members who is a physician, had been called out of the council chamber and when the vote was recorded as to the seven there were four in the negative and three in the affirmative. That was the end of it. The license was refused.

But the end is not yet. The absent aldermen, who will vote in favor of granting the license, will demand at an adjourned meeting to be held tomorrow night that as a matter of course to him, he being called away on pressing business, he be allowed to vote. This privilege will probably be granted him and if so he will tie up the question, making it four and four, and the mayor will have to cast the deciding vote.

An Admirer Though a Victim. To the Editor of The Observer: Last year the water bill at my residence for the three months ending June 30th was \$3.87. The bills rendered me for the corresponding months of this year amount to \$25.92—an advance of about 800 per cent. Not a bad performance even were it not for the extra charges.

AN ADMIRER OF THE SYSTEM THOUGH A VICTIM OF ITS OPERATION. Charlotte, July 7th, 1908. While Greensboro slept. Durham Herald. Greensboro thought she had it, but Charlotte came and took it.

SCHOOL LEVY NOT AFFECTED.

Decision of Supreme Court Does Not Prevent Special Poll Tax For Certain Purposes—Eggo Who Used Beer Bottle as Head of Whisker Man Arrested—Y. M. C. A. Building About Completed. Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, July 7.—Evada Williamson, colored, who is charged with assault upon Will Styers, a white man, by striking him with a beer bottle in a colored restaurant here Saturday night, and who escaped immediately afterwards, was captured at Davidson College Monday night and brought back here this afternoon by Officer J. A. Johnson, of Davidson College. Dr. E. A. Lockett, who is attending the wounded man, stated this afternoon that he had a chance to recover.

When the decision of the Supreme Court was rendered a few weeks ago relative to the amount of poll tax that could be charged, it was thought by the county commissioners and the board of education of this county that the special poll tax for school purposes in the two special tax districts could not be levied this year. Since then, however, State Superintendent J. Joyner has decided that the decision does not affect the special tax for school purposes which was voted under the general school law.

The county commissioners have decided, therefore, to make the usual poll tax levy for school purposes in the County Home and Walkertown districts. The County Home district some time ago voted a special tax of 30 cents on the poll and Walkertown voted a special tax of 20 cents. A new school will be established in the neighborhood of the cotton mill on Southside. The school will open in the fall.

The committee from the board of trade and the members of Norfleet (Camp Confederate Veterans are making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the old soldiers who come here August 19th and 20th to attend the State reunion. The various committees that will have charge of the arrangements have been appointed and will get down to work at once. A very large attendance is looked for, some claiming that as many as 2,000 people will be present at the reunion.

The work of the new fair grounds is being pushed very rapidly and before a great while the grounds will be completed. The plans for the main building are now being prepared. The work on the structure will begin in a short time. The Young Men's Christian Association's new building, which is nearing completion, will probably be turned over to the building committee within the next few weeks. It is a very handsome structure and located in the heart of the city.

THE WATER CHARGES AGAIN.

More Instances of the Exorbitant Prices Paid by Customers—How Long Will the People Submit to It? To the Editor of The Observer: It has been charged that inside of the past two or three years there has been graft, stealing or some other miserable crookedness in the matter of the waterworks system of this city to the amount of anywhere from \$40,000 to \$50,000. Whatever the amount is the taxpayers have had to foot the bill. What I started out to say is, if the water users will sit down quietly and submit to the double and treble charges that are being shown on them for water, the \$50,000 will soon be paid back if the money is used for that purpose. For the quarter ending March 31st my water rent was \$1.95; for the two months ending May 31st my water rent was \$2.12; for the month of June my water rent was \$3.87.

One water user informs me that he has been paying about \$3 a quarter, but for the month of June he was charged \$9. Another user says his water rent for April and May was \$1.90; for June, \$1.50. Another business man informs me that his water rent for January, February and March was \$1.90; for April and May, \$3.37; for June, \$1.61. Another house informs me that for January, February and March the water rent was \$6; for April and May, \$7; for the month of June, \$3.69.

We have a score of similar complaints. One man whose water rent was almost prohibitory, says he went to headquarters and demanded that the meter be removed and found that the hands of the meter had rusted off and no one could tell anything about it. There appears to be no redress. Making complaint doesn't amount to anything. It's pay the charges no matter what they are or have the water cut off. How long will the people submit to being fleeced in such a way and pay for themselves? They tell you to pay the bill under protest. That's the last of it until you pay another bill under protest.

DEADLY WORK OF LIGHTNING.

A Lenoir Colored Merchant Killed Instantly and a Barn at Hudson Fired and Destroyed. Special to The Observer. Lenoir, July 6.—In his store Thomas Steele, a highly respected colored man, was to-day struck and instantly killed by lightning. Others in the store were unharmed. The barn of Mr. Joseph Lingle at Hudson, five miles from Lenoir, was struck this evening by lightning. The barn and contents, including farm implements, the entire crop of grain and a horse valued at \$500 were consumed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$1,500; total insurance \$400. The heaviest rains this section has had for years have fallen during the past three days, doing much damage to crops.

Still Another For Charlotte.

Raleigh Times. Charlotte is always up and coming for one more convention. The Republicans will get together there on August 15th to nominate a State ticket. The minority party will be entertained in Charlotte, and Cy Thompson, or whoever eventually becomes the party's nominee for Governor, will not be called upon to make the strain and toment of 41 ballots. That much may be written down for a certainty.

The Little Long Co. advertisement.

Large advertisement for Coat Suits, featuring 'Special line of All-Linen Suits in two shades of Blue; pretty style coat, trimmed in narrow straps. Special price \$6.75'.

Advertisement for Wash Skirts, featuring 'White Linene Skirts in several styles, well made, neatly trimmed; worth \$1.00 to \$1.50. Special 89c.'

Advertisement for White Goods, featuring 'Genuine Full Mercerized White Batiste, former price 18c. Special 12 1-2c.'

Advertisement for Plaid Top Socks, featuring 'Another shipment just in of those popular Socks for the little folks—Pink, Blue, Red and Brown. Price the pair 25c.'

Advertisement for Silk Lisle Hose, featuring 'No. 201x. Don't forget this number; it's the greatest Stocking on the market to-day. Price the pair 50c.'

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Advertisement for New Belting, featuring 'White, Black and all shades of Moire Belting—Plain and Fancy. Price the Belt 25, 35c.'

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