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#### MONDAY, JULY 20, 1908.

JUDGE NEAL ON HOMICIDE. All who have the public welfare at

heart should feel grateful to Judge Walter H. Neal for the address upon the subject of homicide which he recently delivered before a Wake county grand jury and which an enlightened press spread abroad. In his expressions Judge Neal was characterlatically able, patriotic and couragcous. We do not believe that the startling manner in which homicide is rapidly increasing among the American people as punishment decreasesdecreases toward the vanishing point -has ever been set forth with more combined force and truth. The cause for this extreme cheapness of human life he accurately locates in the jury box, whence come acquittais for one Behind the juries he points to laws which over-guard the accused, especially in the choosing of jurymen, and behind both the laws and the juries to an attitude on the public's part which urgently needs reform. "What does it matter," strongly says The Danville Register, in commenting appreciatively upon Judge Neal's address, "who is President of the United States, Governor of Virginia or Representative in Congress, compared to the momentous question of safeeasily over-stated.

We are the bloodiest nation on the certainly cannot be reproached with break, if we would Burn on, O South; failure to do his duty.

cackling saved Rome." Evidently when he returns, enough, The Evening Post resents the elbowing tactics employed by The News and Courier, whose desperate Has a Fondness For Railroad Menefforts to make its way right to the Peorless driver's side after a thir- Animals' Friend. teenth-hour appearance on the band is the pet of the engine drivers and wagon naturally inceases the first- firemen at one of the railway centres hour passenger. We knew something in the north of Scotland. of the kind was going to be said as on as the editor of The Evening precincts of a busy locometive stable, but falling out of the nest before be-Post got back from Denver.

Is artillery effective against balloons? During night practice by a German machine gun corps recently this most point in tactics was settled, a target balloon far above and to the left coming down at the first into that gun corps' encampment, uns from a great height would have n perilous. But a fast-flying aeroriane or Zeppelin might prove quite

eriotte has two mysterious disapchariotte has two mysterious disap-marance cases at one time. Who can now say that North Carolina is with-a real city? ROUND-ABOUT BETTING ON THE ELECTION.

That famous underwriters' change known as Lloyds, of London is playing a new role on the American side of the big pond. It has filled a sudden want for the election bettor. It stands always ready, we must remember, to insure anybody against anything, including alike twins and the results of a national election. An exporter whose Russian trade would be demoralized by the assassination of the Czar can protect himself against such an event; Lloyds brokers, for premium duly paid, will give him an insurance policy on the Czar's life, No risk is so great, so small on of so absurd a nature that Lloyds will not \$1.00 handle it if offered the right premium. Where a cotton exchange offers hedges merely against cotton contingencies, Lloyds offers hedges against contingencies of every sort. It is not required that the insurer shall have any insurable interest in the person, property or event insured; and hence one transaction may be strictly legitimate business and another a mere bet, which the law will not enforce. but which the established reputation of the Lloyds brokers makes perfectly good. Cable or otherwise forward Lloyds' credit to the amount mutually agreed upon as premium and you get your insurance policy in return.

are now being extensively used by presidential election wagerers. This protect himself against the contin-November, applied to Lloyds through election the following-named some little haggling, got a policy for \$100,000 at 10 1-2 per cent, premium. premium whether he wins or loses, the odds against Bryan stood at about 8 1-2 to 1. News of this transaction on elections but find themselves this year under strict prohibition of the recent New York Legislature's antibetting law, proceeded to make similar wagers. Successive policies against until within twenty-four hours Lloyds had run the premium up to the equivalent of 5 3-4 to 1 against Bryan, holding it there at last accounts. The contract being made in London, New York criminal statutes are considered we now find "election policies," and and Kansas. certain enterprising New York brokers have made arrangements whereby they claim that a transaction can be closed in less than fifteen minutes. Thus gambling on the election flournon-gambling public benefits by the votes to the Democratic candidate. gamblers

Moral: There are more ways o killing a dog (or doing even wors

#### things) than one.

THE BURNING SOUTH. Kind enough to term The Observe guarding human life? Jurors are "always among the first in good an chiefly responsible, and they are patriotic works," The New York Sur drawn from the body of the citizen- remarks with manifest approva ship. The remedy must come through upon this journal's conduct in con effectively arousing the citizen as to tributing a fat hen and a Hong Kon the sanctity of life and the imperative gander to the Bryan campaign fund importance of safeguarding it by dis- For starting the list thus headed. The couraging homicide. We are particeps Charleston News and Courier received criminis to the ruthless slaughter of similar commendation. "Thus, our fellow-beings so long as we com- beams The Sun, "at least two im placently assent to murder and not portant Southern States got into line only permit the slayer to go unwhipt for the cause. Who will come next? of justice, but often applaud him and Georgia is ready to do her duty. Col- New Hampshire ..... lionize him after we have exculpated onel Sid Tapp, getting ready to move him for his belieus crime. Another to New York, may have no time for remedy must come through some such things, but there is the Hon. amendment of the rules of evidence Poke Boggs, likewise the Hon. Dink and such changes in our statute law Botts, also Squire Gemini Mustard,

as will give the Commonwealth a fair to say nothing of others equally enchance to convict." The importance thusiastic. Among these, somehow, of this subject cannot, indeed, be the ball will certainly be set a-rolling. Just as we expected, the South is on fire for Bryan." The Bryan flames face of the earth which has any really centering at Charlotte and at Charlesvalid claim to civilization or ranks ton show red in the political sky even above "the lesser breeds without the from far-distant New York. There is law." This section leads in bloodi- little need of the four illustrious ness and increase of bloodiness. The Georgians to bring on a general consemedy lies with public opinion and flagration. Heat of seven July powthose most responsible for it. Judge er already pervades the affrighted Neal, as an instructor of the people, sky. We could not control the out-

If The Charleston Evening Post Squire Bailes, South Carolina's should be so fortunate as to win the leading marriage artist, has skipped Hong Kong gander offered at raffle westward in consequence of domestic by The Charleston News and Courier troubles and a prospect of attention Montana.... ..... for the benefit of the Bryan cam- from the county grand jury on this paign fund, it "would present the account. If the famous knot-tyer bird to that discinguished near-Dem- gets as far as Texas we shall comberat for a permanent possession and mend him to the benevolent protec-are reminded by way of explanation, time as South Carolina reforms her "is esteemed a foolish bird, but its marriage laws the de'il be in his feet

burn on, burn on, and on!

#### ENGINEER'S TAME SPARROW.

His Queer Nesting Place.

He was hatched within the noisy

ing fully fledged was placed in a cage and tenderly cared for in the railway office. On the third day he began to be friendly, and in a very about time was flying all over the room, and even allows himself to be petted. In fact, he quickly became so tame that one day when his owner (the the left coming down at the first le old began to accompany him on his daily rounds among the engines in the yard, perched jauntily on his shoul-der, or hopping contentedly by his

He chooses very queer places for his nests, the oddest and most awkward so far being the inside breast cost packet of his owner, whom he would follow wherever he went stuffing the selected pocket with miscellaneous nesting material. Jim is now 6 years of age.

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by their ballots, will, in November say who they shall trust with their affairs of state. The all-abiding question is, "Shall it be Taft and Sherman

or Bryan and Kern?"
The South, like the goat, has already voted. Whatever the Democratic party suggests the South adopts There will be no contest in the land of Dixle-everything being one way. Sentiment rules in the home of the Southern Confederacy. If the Denver convention had put up Tom Watson, of Georgia, or William Randolph Hearst, of New York, or John Mitchell, Owing to the initiative of an Ameri-can manufacturer Lloyds' facilities Russia, instead of the Great Commoner, of Nebraska, the result November, would be the same. civil war and the bitter days that folmanufacturer, anxious to run his lowed made the South Democratic plant at full capacity if only he could and Democratic it will stay until the names of the old parties have changed or disappeared and new ones come gency of Mr. Bryan's success next to take their places. In the coming a New York brokerage firm and after may be counted for Bryan: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Vir-Since the Lloyds broker keeps the ginia, making a total of 120 electoral There is no question about any of these unless it be Tennessee. battle lines will not extend in territory covered by these States. quickly spreading in Wall Street, the fact, the South will not be in the numerous people who habitually bet mighty conflict of ballots. Therefore, enthusiasm in this section of the

THE EAST IS REPUBLICAN. the South is Democratic. In the same Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, inapplicable. Instead of election bets Wyoming, Utah, Oregon, Washington

The contest will be waged in the ten doubtful States—namely, York, Indiana, New Jersey, West Virginia, Nebraska, Delaware, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, and Montana. There the fury of the battle will be greatest. ishes unhindered as of yore. Lloyds Maryland, Missouri, and Oklanoma-

has come to the rescue. The large will most likely give their electoral light shed upon the election outlook will give an idea of the situation as as seen through the eyes of astute it looks to a hopeful Republican and a pessimistic Democrat at this time:

1	ESTIMATES ARE GIVEN.	
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l	Alabama,	1
	Arkansas	
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	Georgia	1
	Louislana	
	Mississippi	1
	North Carolina	1
	South Carolina	
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	Tennessee	- 4
	Texas	
	Virginia	
	Kentucky	1
	Maryland	
	Missouri	1
	Oklahoma	
		16
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Vermont. .... ..... ....

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	Connecticutt	-
	Ohio	2
ĕ	Michigan	-1
	Illinois	2
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í	Pennsylvana	3
	Minnesota	1
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	North Dakota	
	North Dakota	11
	Wyoming	
	Wyoming. Utah	
i	Oregon	1
	Washington	-1
b	Kansas	I
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	Indiana	1
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	Delaware	
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The comparative summary, based on these figures, is: 

Nevada..... 3

There being 483 votes in the elec-

toral college it will take 242 to elect, A NEW LOT OF GENERALS.

of yesterday?" and "Have they, like the girls of yesterday, blown away?" Ponder over the names of those who took prominent part in the Denver meeting! Study the careers of the men brought forward! Who are they? Who ever heard of Theo. A. Bell, of California, until he became Bell, of California, until he became temporary chairman of that national Democratic convention? He had been a member of the House of Representatives in Congress one term, but he was comparatively unknown until a few days before the Denver convention was called to order. Who is Henry D. Clayton, of Alabama? Answer: A third rate Congressman tatives in Congress one term, but he was comparatively unknown until a few days before the Denver convention was called to order. Who is the heart of the was called to order. Who is Henry D. Clayton, of Alabama? Answer: A third rate Congressman, whose best friends do not claim much for him. What about Senator Gore Governor Haskell, and Alfalfa Bill Murray, of Okishoma? Mr. Gore was for years a Mississippl' Populité, as Governor Vardaman calls the Populité, as Colored delegate came to the Tar Heel delegation and took a seut from which he was ousted. This same for ward State of Oklahoma. Indicate that he has not yet forgot the doctor of the new, ambilious and forward State of Oklahoma. Indicate that he has not yet forgot the doctor of the new and the population and took a seut from which he was ousted. This same for ward State of Oklahoma. Indicate that he has not yet forgot the doctor of the new and the population and took a seut from which he was ousted. This same for ward State of Oklahoma. Indicate that he has not yet forgot the doctor of the new and the population and took a seut from which he was ousted. The best of all teachers is experience. C. M. Harden of Silver City, North Carolinian saw two other Wastelland and the population and took a

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A RATIFICATION MEETING

An Afformath Story of the Democratic To-Do in Coloredo and Some Facts and Speculations—Claims Made by Bouyant Republicans and Pessinia tic Democrats—Mr. Brym. Must Carry New York or the Emire West to Succeed—Southern States Have All Voted Like the Goar—The East Almost Solidily Republicans—Hat May Democrate—Eathnaisam That May Have Been Something Else—The Let-Down That Followed the Nomination of the Nebraskun—Betting Ten to One That Bryan Will Be Defeated.

The Democratic convention of 1968 has become a part of the political history of this great country, and the campalagn between the candidates named at Denver and the ones named at Clairs by their ballots, will, in November, say who they shall trust with this!

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the speech of the week but there was nothing original in it. DEMOCRATS OF OLD SUP-

PLANTED. The Democrats of yesterday are no onger leaders, but have been suplonger planted by Thomas Heflin, of Ala-bama; Alfalfa Bill, of Oklanoma, and others of that kidney: Governor the oft-tried Democratic warrior of North Carolina, was out of place in that talkiest. He was hooted down by delegates who longed for the Populistic Gore and the rampant

Sad days have fallen upon the party to me on the way to Denver, "but you of Vance and Ransom, Vest, Lamar may tell the boys back East that we affi Gorman. Little fellows without are more interested in beet sugar now. ballast are in the saddle.

If Mr. Bryan were to be run over The situation in the East—the solid and killed by one of his fine Jersey Republican East—is not unlike that buils at Fairview Farm the Democratic Fork and New Jersey? This would of the South except in one or two party would be without a head. of the South except in one or two party would be without a head.
uncertain States. Maine, Vermont, The question, "Why is it that lead-New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode ers in one great party are so much Island, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania scarcer than in the other?" is asked. are Republican just as certainly as It is answered by one writer thus: "The war gave the Democratic party list might be placed Ohio, Michigan, a stunning setback. The solidity of gether in national election. If Mr. the South has kept it back, and free South and North Dakota, California, silver completed the demoralization."

YOUNG MEN REPUBLICANS. Again: "Young men of ability go into the Republican party because the Democrats offer them no coherent programme and a much weaker group of leaders. Probably it would be better for the country to have two parties led with equal strength, but the Democrats will hardly furnish many leaders equal in ability to Roosevelt, Taft, Root, Hughes and LaFollette, until the South is badly broken or until intelligent and educated Northenners feel at home in the Democratic party."

11 as was demonstrated by the Denver his worshipers indignant. This was convention. gates to that ratification meeting were the Denver hotels and elsewhere for him, some believeing that he is against Governor John A. Johnson, 9 the only Democrat worthy of the the Democratic Governor of the Re-12 the reason that his personal following had Johnson done to incur the ill will would knife any other man put up of the Bryanites? His record for reg-by the party, and, therefore, destroy ularity is right. He has won battle is all hope of success with any save after battle against odds for himself him. It would have been useless to and his party. Johnson is the ideal make a fight on Mr. Bryan for the party man. Yet, there was hitter renomination, for one of the principles sentment against him, and it cropped 18 of Democracy is that the majority out at Denver. This was not true in rules. Mr. Bryan had more than a the case of Gray. Although Gray re majority. Outside of the Bryanite fused to vote for Bryan in 1896 hi 66 breast there is but scant hope for his candidacy met more favor than did election; he and his intimates look that of Johnson. for some sort of a landslide. It may up a tree it looked like a case of come. Mr. Gompers may bring it, but simple jealousy. There was no arguithose who do not believe the Ameriment to use against the Minnesotan, can laborer to be a chump know that so something else had to serve. he does his own thinking. Gompers and his cohorts tried to defeat four judges in the union-ridden State of California but the better class of workingmen would not vote with them, and the judges were re-elected. John Mitchell has too much sense and is too honest to promise the delivery of any of the men he represents, but

HEARST AND WATSON OPPOSE BRYAN.

Hearst, of New York, and Watson, of Georgia, both of whom were for were given an opportunity they Bryan in former campaigns, are op-shouted for their idol. One could deposing him bitterly this year. The tect this spirit at every turn in Den-riearst papers in New York, Boston, ver. The natural result followed—a Chicago, and San Francisco are lampooning the Nebraskan in every issue and they will keep it up until after the second Tuesday in November.

But Mr. Bryan will get many con-

servative Democrats that would not vote for him in 1896 and 1980. very fact that he desired Judge Gray, of Delaware, a Palmer and Buckner Democrat of 1896 for his running mate will help him in the conservative camp. It is already being said that Mr. Bryan is older, wiser and more astute. New York financiers do not like Mr. Roosevelt and it is charged against Mr. Taft that he is nothing more toan a creature of Mr. Roosevelt. The moneyed interests are all powerful in elections. If they should desire to crush out Roostvelism in the Republican party they could do it with Mr. Bryan without fear of harm, The onlooker, at Denver, will recall for the United States Senate, the great many interesting facts in connection check on the President, will be Rewith the personnel and progress of publican far four years to come. the national covention. One of the Therefore, if the Wali Street gang first questions that the inquisitive were to stand hands off Mr. Bryan mind of the well-informed American might win. But Wall Street will not will ask is, "Where are the statesmen hands off.

THE NEGRO IN THE WOOD PILE. Col. Henry Watterson, the versatile Journal, serving as mouthpiece for Mr. Bryan, advocating the conciliation of the negro by the Democrats some time ago, said that Mr. Bryan would court the negro vote. This raised a storm. Such men as Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, made quick and violent process against any such violent protest against any such course. Others and more conservative

The Bryan hopefuls see victory in

November. They claim that the peo-ple of the West are going to swat the Republican party for the panic of 1987. Mines lumber mills and other shops are shut down and thousands of laborers are out of employment. The moneyed interests say that President Roosevelt first chilled and then destroyed confidence and the panic followed. Mr. Bryan congratulated Mr. Roosevelt, saying in conclusion that he had not gone far enough. Hence, if Bryan is elected, these capitalists cold blooded and close-fisted as they are described to be-will be afraid. The paric will not end for four years. What has become of the giants of that if Taft, whose judicial training the South? They have been swept and natural habit of thought make aside by the wild and woolly en- all of his methods less sensational thusiasts of the West. The South, than those of Mr. Roosevelt, is elected which is counted on for the votes, the mines, mills and other industrial the mines, mills and other industrial barring the part of two small calibre enterprises will begin work again statesmen from Alabama, played an This is very forceful campaign thuninsignificant role at Denver. Where der. The man who has a wife and were Rayner and Smith, of Maryland? child to feed will decide for himself Simmong and Overman, of North which way to vote when the time Carolina? Bacon and Clay, of comes. Sentiment goes a long way, Georgia? Taylor and Frazier, of Ten-but bread and butter makes the nessee? Johnston and Bankhead, of stronger appeal to the man without Alubama? Taliaferro and Milton, of employment, notwithstanding Mr. Florida? Balley and Culberson, of Gompers. This is the argument used Texas? Gary, of South Carolina? by the spellbinders of the G. O. P. Paynter, of Kentucky, and hundreds "We voted for Bryan in 1896," said of others prominent in the South? a farmer at Fort Morgan, Colorado,

> and Taft gives us more hope. is no end of such talk. But, what if Mr. Bryan carries New Then, with Indiana and Nebraska, he would have 248, four more than enough to elect him. New York is the key to the situation. New Jersey and the Empire States generally stand to-Bryan can carry New York he will stand a fine show of winning, but his most loyal supporters have but little nope of such an achievement. he does not carry New York and New Jersey he would have to carry Indiana, West Virginia, Nebraska, Delaware. Colorado, Idaho, Nevada and Montana, with their 47 votes; Illinois with 27, and get three more conceded

to the Republicans. NOT ENTHUSIASM BUT PUG-

During the Denver convention the enthusiasm for Bryan seemed genuine. but after looking back at it I am inclined to believe that what we all took This is the view of one Northern for enthusiasm was pugnacity. The audacity of Gray and Johnson in ruf-Mr. Bryan is the Democratic party, ning against the Peerless One made Four-fifths of the dele-shown in the feeling manifested at CALM AFTER THE STORM.

These things being true one need not go far to find a cause for all the yelling and cavorting at the mention of the name of the Nebraskan before he was nominated. Regardless of the fact that the Bryan men felt certain of two-thirds on the first ballot they Gompers is not of the same clay as Col. Jim Guffey, Charlie Murphy could not dispel a sneaking fear that Blue-Eyed Billie Conners, Fingy might spring a surprise and defeat their candidate, and every time they tect this spirit at every turn in Denlet down. After Bryan was named the convention flattened out just like a punctured balloon, and the nomine tion of a candidate for Vice President was more like the funeral of a smallpox patient than anything that ever took place in North Carolina. Kern was the only man who seemed anxious for the place. The springing up of the Indiana delegation as each State voted for their man made the conven tion look like a desert with one lone asparagus patch in one cerner. enthusiasm, or pugnacity, was over, and nothing of the spirit of the day before remained save in the throats of the Indianans. BRYAN THE LOGICAL MAN.

But, after all, Mr. Bryan was the logical man. He can, it is believed, got more votes and come nearer being elected than any man the party could have named. Thanks to former campaigns. All factions are satisfied: The Bryanites have their man, their vice presidential candidate and their platform, and the antis say "You must stand or fall on your own bottom." If Mr. Bryan wins those of his party, who have opposed him, will admit that they were wrong and that he was right, and congratulate him. If he fail this time the party will be reorganised on different lines or enter upon a long sweet rest, as numerous other parties have done before, and a new alignment come.

Something is wrong in the Democratic party when Southern men offer
on the streets of Charlotte to bet ten
to one that the standard bearer of
their party will be defeated. A number of such bets have been placed. The Bryan enthusiasm here is confined to a very small circle of Bryanites, not to say Democrats. H. E. C. BRYANT.



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