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THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1908.

THE GROWTH OF AN IDEA.

We view with pleased interest the remarkable progress of the "practical programme for peace" as outlined, organized and promoted by Mr. Hayne Davis, a North Carolinian now resident in New York. Mr. Davis, who is an unselfish worker for the removal of the causes leading to war among nations and has been officially identified in very important capacities with the international arbitration movement, some time ago conceived the idea that under present conditions effective arbitration and adequate armament must go hand in hand. The ultimate aim, of course, is abolition of the need for armament, but so long as the need clearly exists misguided antagonism can only prejudice the whole peace cause with practical men and render any progress at all difficult. Reserving the right to keep the means of armed defence, nations should at the same time expressly recognize and agree to respect such vital rights of each other as territory and sovereignty, providing separately for the arbitration of all minor questions. With the promotion of this idea in view Mr. Davis recently organized a peace congress for North Carolina at Wilmington. As an outgrowth from the North Carolina congress there has come about the Peace and Arbitration League, in which Mr. Davis has just caused himself to be succeeded as president by Senator James B. McCreary, of Kentucky. We now learn through New York dispatches that President Roosevelt has accepted the honorary presidency of the league and, in a letter to Mr. Davis, expressed cordial commendation of what is becoming known as "the North Carolina idea." Support like this means something. The modest beginning at Wilmington has had a really remarkable sequel.

That peculiar significance attaches to the President's course in thus personally and officially committing himself is made clear by Senator McCreary. "The importance of the President's action in unequivocally associating himself with the peace league and with its programme," said Mr. McCreary as recently quoted, "is manifest. The full significance of his act, however, depends upon viewing it in the light of the fact that the Anglo-French form for arbitration treaties, which has been the most popular in Europe heretofore, reserves, among other things, all questions affecting the vital interests of the contracting powers. The President has now thrown his influence on the side of those Americans who demand that all governments expressly recognize and agree to respect the most vital rights of nations, that is, their territory and sovereignty, and at the same time provide for the arbitration of all other questions, upon this guarantee, as a safe foundation for international justice. The approaching North Carolina congress will take place at Greensboro, October 11-16, at which time that city will be celebrating its centennial. This will be the first peace congress in America at which the advocates of national armament and international arbitration stand side by side on the same platform as mutually helpful exponents of the two correlative and inseparable agencies for securing peace and justice in the international realm."

We are pleased with the rapid progress of this movement both because its objects commend themselves to our judgment as genuinely beneficent and for reasons of State patriotism. The next meeting of the North Carolina Peace Congress in Greensboro next October will lack neither interest nor importance.

The Gaffney, S. C., Ledger foresees the day when The Observer will claim that Deacon Hemphill, of The Charleston News and Courier, was born in North Carolina. Not until the Deacon acquires more regard for the sacredness of established historical truths and learns to treat this paper more mannerly.

The Independence party declares in its platform for the initiative and referendum and the right of recall but doesn't make the slightest reference to our old friend the imperial mandate. That noble principle seems to have gotten lost in the shuffle.

ROSTAND'S NATURE FAKE.

A play with a cast comprised entirely of birds and animals will be the sensation of the coming theatrical season. It not only has this unique feature but comes from the pen of no less a dramatist than Edmond Rostand and brings the record price of $50,000 for author's royalties. Extreme jealousy of his reputation has kept the creator of "L'Aiglon" from offering any play since Sarah Bernhardt presented his wonderful conception of the ill-starred son of Napoleon—the eaglet who pined away and died in splendid Austrian captivity before reaching manhood. Now, after having begun and discontentedly cast aside several plays, the dramatist dons the comedian's most fantastic sock and comes with "The Chanticleer." The scene is laid in a farm yard and the hero is none other than the feathered songster who winds his bugle horn at all hours of the day and early morning. Appearing as the heroine will be the golden pheasant. Other fowls, watch dogs, etc., play their parts, and it is easy to guess that the actors will find the physical difficulties great. In the play, which takes the form of verse, Rostand has apparently produced a charmingly woven web of poetry and philosophy by thus reducing certain traits of human nature to their simplest terms. He has put on the stage a comedy such as wise men with the supreme gift of true humor have until now written for mere reading. The English version will be made in verse by Louis N. Parker, the translator of "L'Aiglon." It is planned to have London and New York productions almost simultaneous with the Parisian premiere. We only hope that production in this country will not be forbidden on the ground that the affair is a shameless nature fake and as such falls under presidential or (supposing Mr. Taft elected) ex-presidential ban.

THE INDEPENDENCE PLATFORM.

Anybody who wants to vote a really rank ticket this year has only to support that of the Independence League, if its platform is representative of its candidates. Declaring that its "object is not to introduce violent innovations or startling new features," it proceeds to pronounce for the initiative and referendum and the right of recall; that no injunction shall issue except after trial by jury; for government ownership of railroads and telegraph lines and for "the popular election of United States Senators and of judges, both State and Federal," which language includes, of course, the judges of the Supreme Court of the United States. All this after the declaration that "It is not our purpose to attempt to revolutionize the American system of government but to restore the action of the government to the principles of Washington and Jefferson and Lincoln;" and that "it is not our purpose, either, to effect a radical change in the American system of government."

This is a day of freak politics and novel cults, and from amongst the many parties which are offering their wares to the public any man, no matter how exacting, ought to be able to find something to suit him.

The Observer appears to have been excessively charitable in discrediting the report sent out from Lincoln, Neb., more than a week ago that a Southern man would not be favored for chairman of the national Democratic committee on account of the South's attitude toward the negro. The report was given out by the Associated Press and as The Norfolk Landmark says, "in view of the publication of the telegram in every city in the country, it is due to the South that the candidate deny the report if it is incorrect. His denial would be accepted as closing the incident; his failure to deny would have the opposite effect." But ten days have elapsed and there has been no denial.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch asks: "Is the constant writing of Mr. Bryan's front name as 'Wilyum' really as humorous as Harper's Weekly seems to think it is?" You can hardly ever tell about these things. When the Hon. Poultney Bigelow was much in the public eye on account of his Panama canal expose, The Observer dubbed him Poultry Bigelow. We thought this was very fine but a brutal contemporary referred to the designation and said it was not funny at all. This did not discourage The Observer in the least but it kept on calling him Poultry as long as he was before the footlights and doesn't know to this day whether it was funny or not.

A Washington dispatch of yesterday says that "according to Representative Lloyd, of Missouri, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee, the Democrats will control the next House of Representatives and will get a majority west of the Alleghanies." It is to be sincerely hoped that this is a correct forecast. If the Democrats get nothing else out of the fall elections the result, if they carry the House of Representatives, will still be great.

And so the English millions of which report made John Wood heir turn out to be mythical. Having taken our warning in time, he was bearing up bravely at last accounts. All the same, it is one of the greatest pities on record that the report should prove false. Alas, alas, alas!

Whatever part Mr. Hearst's dollars may have played in drumming up delegates, it must be admitted that his crowd made a pretty fair show at Chicago for a bran-new national party.

We would have been almost heart-busted if Col. John Temple Graves hadn't landed at least the vice presidential nomination.

THE COLORED VOTE THE STAKE.

The Rochester, N. Y., Herald sees as a prospect of the pending campaign both parties competing for the colored vote, putting the case thus:

"In more than one of these [Northern States] the colored vote, if swung from the Republican to the Democratic side, where it has never been cast before, would be amply sufficient to change the result. Whether such a political feat can be accomplished is doubtful, though it is not impossible. It would be an odd turn in the politics of this nation if the two great parties reached a point where they bid against each other for the colored vote of the doubtful States of the North. There are many intelligent Republicans who are convinced that the unjustifiable course taken by the President in the Brownsville riot was intended as a cheap bid for Southern votes, and who would regard the defeat of Taft by Northern negro ballots as a richly deserved retaliation."

We do not believe that the President had any such design in the Brownsville matter as that with which he is here charged but that he acted upon an honest, and correct, conviction. It does indeed, though, look as if a lining up of the parties in some of the Northern States for a struggle for the colored vote is not improbable if it has not in fact already begun.

STATEMENT BY MR. DAVIS.

Story From Statesville Detailing Rumors to the Effect That Mr. James Davis and Miss Lilian Rogers, of Eufola, Had Eloped an Error—No Elopement at All—The Situation Explained.

It was stated in the Statesville correspondence of The Observer of the 25th, that James Davis, of Salisbury, a trainman on the Western North Carolina Railway, and a married man, and Miss Lilian Rogers, of Eufola, Iredell county, were said to have left her home Monday afternoon of last week in buggy and that their whereabouts is unknown; that there are all kinds of reports abroad; among these one that the couple had eloped.

Mr. Davis was in The Observer office yesterday to deny the story in toto as to himself. His statement is that it was not he but his brother, DeWitt, who is unmarried, to whom the story refers; that his brother and Miss Rogers drove from her home to Statesville and that the same evening she came to Charlotte alone and is and has been ever since with a sister at 311 South Cedar street and that since coming here she has written to her people three times. Mr. James Davis says that he was in Salisbury every day and night last week.

Mr. Walter Medlin, who resides at No. 311 South Cedar street, called at The Observer office yesterday afternoon and confirmed that portion of Mr. Davis' statement relating to Miss Rogers' arrival and stay in this city. Miss Rogers is Mr. Medlin's sister-in-law and his information cannot be other than correct.

Mrs. W. R. Burwell Much Better.

The many friends of Mrs. W. R. Burwell will be glad to learn that she was greatly improved last night, so much so as to be pronounced out of danger. Mrs. Burwell suffered a slight attack of appendicitis, Dr. J. E. Stokes being called over from Salisbury to confer with the local physicians as to her treatment. This announcement will bring relief to Mrs. Burwell's many friends who for a while were greatly concerned about her.

Miss Bessie Pope in the Lead.

The contest for queen of the Eagles is becoming more interesting. The vote last night stood: Miss Bessie Pope, 2,422; Miss Ruth Matthews, 2,280; Miss Grace Eddins, 1,610; Mrs. R. M. Frazier, 1,583; Miss Kate Northey, 645, and Miss Nellie McKane, 312. The contest closes this morning at 10 o'clock. Miss Pope is in the lead but there will be some lively voting before the polls close.

Rain Prevented Game.

The third and last appearance of the Greenville team in opposition to the Hornets was prevented yesterday by a downpour of rain that came and lasted during the afternoon. A fair-sized crowd of fans was in the grandstand when the hour came, but they were doomed to disappointment when a drizzle began and continued until the ground was thoroughly soaked. The locals go to Greenville to-day to complete the week's play.

Some Curious Corn.

Mr. Stewart C. Leslie brought into The Observer office last night an ear of corn—black Mexican corn—grown in his father's garden on Church street. The exhibit was quite a curiosity in the shop. 'Squire Barkley, who is an expert on corn and tigers, had never seen anything exactly like it. The yield per stalk is five or six ears, and this country seems to be all right for it.

Mr. Baxter Shemwell a Visitor.

Mr. Baxter Shemwell, of Lexington, spent yesterday at the Selwyn on business. Asked for a statement as to his recent difficulty on the train with Conductor Smithers, of the Southern, and subsequent developments, Mr. Shemwell replied that he had nothing just now to give out to the papers for publication.

Mrs. Dolly Madison Added to the List.

To the Editor of The Observer:

As to women of note who were born on North Carolina soil, Mrs. Dolly Madison, of White House fame, may be added to the list. In the language of my friend, "I 'lowed it wouldn't be no harm to tell you," that you may add to the jealousy of our South Carolina friend.

W. C. JONES.

Concord, July 29, 1908.

UNDISMAYED.

New York Times.

He came up smilin'—used to say
He made his fortune that-a-way;
He had hard luck a-plenty, too,
But settled down an' fought her through;
An' every time he got a jolt
He jist took on a tighter holt,
Slipped back some when he tried to climb,
But came up smilin' every time.

He came up smilin'—used to git
His share o' knocks, but he had grit,
An' if they hurt, he didn't set
Around the groc'ry store an' fret.
He jist grabbed Fortune by th' hair
An hung on till he got his share.
He had th' grit in him to stay
An' come up smilin' every day.

He jist gripped hard an' all alone
Like a set bull pup with a bone,
An' if he got shook loose, why then
He got up and grabbed holt again;
He didn't have no time, he'd say,
To bother about yesterday,
An' when there was a prize to win
He came up smilin' an' pitched in.

He came up smilin—good for him!
He had th' grit an' pluck an' vim,
So he's on Easy street, an' durned
If I dont think his luck is earned;
No matter if he lost sometimes,
He's got the stuff in him that climbs,
An' when his chance was mighty slim

MILLIONAIRE FOR 24 HOURS.

John Wood, of Greenville, S. C., Tells How He Felt.

Greenville, S. C., News.

Mr. John Wood, of Greenville, who was reported last week as having come into a vast fortune through an English estate, stated yesterday that much to his regret he was obliged to deny the rumor. He is entirely at a loss to discover how the story started. Mr. Wood said, however, that he appreciated greatly the many congratulations he had received and wished that they could have had more substantial grounds.

"This thing of being a millionaire," Mr. Wood said, "is elegant. It is refreshing, invigorating and a bit intoxicating. I have always heard that people in the seven figure class, in which the Roanoke, Va., paper placed me, were bothered with all sorts of problems. I did not find it so. I had all the sensations without the worry of having to care for a single cent. For twenty-four hours before the balloon came down, I experienced all the joys of a philanthropist, a humanitarian, a Carnegie, a man of public spirit, a financier. I built orphanages, endowed colleges, owned baseball teams, erected new hotels, paid the dues of those who could not afford to join the board of trade, contributed to charitable organizations and bought a string of newspapers. The lady in Pennsylvania who wrote me for aid in publishing her book of poems, and setting the words to music was started on the golden road to fortune and to fame. The Greenville horse show was to be a gigantic exhibition under roof. Main street was to be paved in Wood block. The new bridge over Reedy river was to be of steel, symbolical of the lasting fibre of the Wood love for Greenville. In short, the dream was elastic to a degree.

"And, now? The end has come. The bubble has burst. The man who said the lady told him I had inherited this fortune says he never said it and thus the story ends. But, it was fine while it lasted. And now, as my ancestry have been brought into this predicament, I feel that I should add that they, as far as I know, never did any one harm intentionally, and that they were exceedingly careful as to leaving fortunes. They, however, would have scorned to refuse anything they could honestly acquire and I have no hesitancy in declaring that I have inherited that trait to a marked extent.

"None would more cheerfully assume the worries of the haunted millionaire if called upon to do so in a bona fide manner. And in conclusion, since you have asked for a full and honest expression, please say that those who wish replies to letters of congratulation or condolence, should enclose postage. Even millionaires are unable to induce the Postoffice Department to accept newspaper stories for stamps. And, as the curtain falls to slow music, allow me to say that I have really enjoyed the experience and that public opinion to the contrary notwithstanding, wind pudding is palatable."

A BURKE TAFT CLUB.

Regular Republican Organization Formed at Morganton—Eight Democratic Candidates For County Treasurer in the Field—Remains of John Weeder to Be Shipped to New York State.

Special to The Observer.

Morganton, July 29.—The Republicans are beginning to get busy in Burke county. Last night at the court house a regular Taft Club was organized. There was present about fifty Republicans, of Morganton, and the near-by vicinity. The Morganton Band furnished music, and Charlie McKesson opened with a short talk. They then proceeded to form a regular organization. Mr. Sam Huffman was elected president, Dr. A. M. Dula, secretary, and W. W. McCall, treasurer. Before the meeting adjourned Postmaster D. C. Pearson made a short talk urging contributions to the club for campaign purposes. It has not been learned by your correspondent what responses were made to this request. The Republicans expect to put out a full ticket in Burke this year, and make a hard fight.

The office of county treasurer of Burke county seems to have a charm, which no other office in this county possesses. There is already in the field for the Democratic nomination eight active candidates.

A telegram has just been received from the mother of John B. Veeder, who lives at Valhalla, N. Y., asking that the remains of her son, who committed suicide about six miles from Morganton, yesterday morning, an account of which appeared in The Observer of to-day, be embalmed and shipped to her home.

Former Governor Heyward, Now at Blowing Rock, Steadily Improving.

Observer Bureau,
The Skyscraper Building,
Columbia, S. C., July 29.

Ex-Gov. D. C. Heyward is now at Blowing Rock, N. C., where his family has been for some weeks. The first letter that any of his friends has received from Governor Heyward since his illness was received to-day and he states that while he is able to leave the hospital in Philadelphia he is yet far from well, and it will be the middle of September before he returns to Columbia and resumes his business. His physicians state, however, that with another month or six weeks of complete rest, Governor Heyward will probably be in better health than for the last two years. This encouraging news will be received with much pleasure by the thousands of friends of the former Governor in all portions of the State, where he is so generally admired and beloved.

Embezzled Charity Funds.

Natchez, Miss., July 29.—James Crossgrove, a negro minister o fthis city, as arrested to-day charged with the embezzlement of $20,000 of the funds of the Independent Sons and Daughters of Charity of America, an organization whose field of operations covers Louisiana and Mississippi with Minister Crossgrove as organizer. In default of $25,000 bond he was sent to jail to await preliminary examination.

No Chance on the Other Side.

Houston Post.

Since The Charleston News and Courier protests against our proposition to annex South Carolina to North Carolina, we must inform our contemporary that no other curse is left us, as Gergia is giving entirely too much trouble already.

In No Danger, Most.

Charleston News and Courier.

Some of the senatorial candidates are proving that they are natives of about half the counties in the State, and exposing themselves to capture by The Charlotte Observer as having been born in North Carolina.

The Inefficient Major.

Houston Post.

Major Hemphill seems to be about as inefficient a hat-passer as he is a band wagon booster.

EQUITABLE AGENTS CONFER.

Forty From the Carolinas in Session at Asheville—Train Derailed But No One is Hurt—Asheville Bank Cases May Be Tried Again.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, July 29.—About 40 agents in the Carolinas of the Equitable Life Assurance Society are in annual session at Kenilworth Inn. The agents will be in conference from Friday of this week until Wednesday of next week with several New York officials of the Equitable who came here to attend the conference. During the meetings matters of importance to the work of the agents will be considered and discussed. Mr. W. J. Roddey, of Rock Hill, S. C., manager for the Equitable in the Carolinas, is already here.

Passenger train No. 7 between Asheville and Lake Toxaway was derailed yesterday about two miles this side from Brevard to the lake. The tender and two coaches were derailed. No one was injured and little damage done. There was, however, considerable delay on account of the accident.

It is believed here in well-informed circles that in the event Judge Newman refuses to abate the indictments in the First National Bank of Asheville cases, that the once-famous cases will be again set down for trial some time during September. It is also understood that in the event the three former bank officials are once more arraigned Judge Dayton, of West Virginia, will be the trial judge.

TROUBLE BY THE TAIL.

The Happy Condition of Affairs in Union County.

Monroe Journal.

We've got trouble by the tail in Union. Many a bale of last year's cotton stored in nook and corner, and the new crop jumping day and night. More corn and peas than ever before planted and never a better prospect. Fruit rotting by the bushel. Blackberries held in contempt. A choice milk cow for every man who wants it. Cider running like water, but few men mean enough to drink too much. Big meeting time at hand and old time religion in plenty. Candidates enough for every man to have his choice. Oratory on tap day or night. Lawyers who can preach and preachers who can practice. Something doing all the time; farmers' union picnics, school picnics, Sunday school picnics, family reunion picnics and "well-filled baskets" at each one. Little sickness except from over-eating. A mail box at every man's door and a telephone in his house. No room for pessimism, but joy unconfined. Let the outside world run on in vanity and the despair that vanity brings. Serenity sits at the helm in "Sweet Union." There is a new song in her mouth and the virus of contentment in her atmosphere.

THREATEN TO DERAIL TRAINS.

Kentucky Night Riders Warn Illinois Central Railroad Against Allowing State Troops to Camp on Its Right-of-Way.

Frankfort, Ky., July 29.—Governor Willson declared in a letter sent today to Vice President Rawn, of the Illinois Central Railroad, that no efforts at intimidation on the part of lawlessly inclined people of western Kentucky will be considered in the movement of troops or selection of camping grounds for soldiers in active service in that part of the State. The Governor's letter was in response to a communication from Vice President Rawn, informing the Governor that the Illinois Central Railroad has received written notice that if it permits troops to be encamped on its right-of-way all trains of the company will be derailed. In his letter to Mr. Rawn the Governor says that State troops have been in service in the "night rider" districts to protect the lives and property of the people and it is necessary for them to be fed and have camps at points most convenient for the duties in which the men are engaged. He says that they will be ordered to take all reasonable care to avoid any unnecessary injury, damage or inconvenience to owners of property.

SOUNDS A WARNING NOTE.

Shelby Citizen Calls Attention to Charlotte Democrats Who May Intend Voting For Taft That the Republican Nominee is a Unitarian.

To the Editor of The Observer:

It was stated in The Observer a few days ago that thousands of Democrats in and around Charlotte would support Taft for President. Without assuming to dictate the political opinions of such recalcitrants, I would suggest that they delay a final decision of this matter until they have investigated the religious beliefs of the aforesaid gentleman. I am reliably informed that he is a Unitarian, and if so he does not believe in the divinity of our blessed Lord, and certainly no Christian, no matter what his political opinions may be, can support any man for office in the gift of the American people who denies the divinity of the Son of God, who has so signally blessed our country and its institutions until it has become the greatest power in existence.

C. J. WOODSON.

Shelby, July 28, 1908.

RIOT AT COAL MINE.

Thirty Discharged Miners Try to Force a Strike and a Lively Fight Ensues—Sheriff Arrives on the Scene and Peace is Restored.

Wheeling, W. V., July 29.—In a riot to-day at the Providence Coal mines in Belmont county, Ohio, 30 Montenegrians employed as miners, held four hundred native and foreign miners at bay until the arrival of Sheriff Amerine and a posse when after a brief but fierce battle, peace was restored temporarily at least.

The following were injured:

Superintendent Thomas, clubbed about head and body.

David Thomas, his son, struck on head with stone, condition serious.

Two mine bosses, head and body cut.

The Montenegrians were discharged yesterday because they loaded inferior coal on the mine cars. When the other miners reported for work to-day they were met by the discharged men, who urged them to strike. The company summoned the sheriff and a fight followed.

The company officials will attempt to adjust the difficulty.

Balloon Makes Voyage From Baltimore to Hagerstown.

Baltimore, Md., July 29.—Ernest Gill, a young business man of this city, accompanied by Lincoln and Hillery Beachey, professional aeronauts, made a successful balloon voyage from Baltimore to Hagerstown, Md., to-day. The air craft ascended at 1:16 p. m. and at 4:45 o'clock the party landed safely about four miles north of Hagerstown. Its passengers reported that the experience was pleasant, with no untoward incidents.

A man in Hagerstown watching the balloon from the roof of his house, lost his balance and fell to the ground and was killed.

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New shipment of Jelly Glasses just received.

The Little-Long Co.