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AN EMIGRANT FROM KENTUCKY

A farewell to Kentucky as written by Harlow B. James and published in The Louisville Courier-Journal with sympathetic comment lacks nothing of pathos and eloquence.

DAUGHTERS' ALLIES.

"If the negroes vote the Democratic ticket," remarks The Anderson, S. C., Daily Mail, "they are going to expect political rewards, and if the negroes are to be taken into the Democratic party there will be no excuse left for the South to remain solidly Democratic any longer."

A WORTHY UNDERTAKING.

"Asserting his belief that the increase of the well being of the American farmer has not kept pace with that of the country as a whole, President Roosevelt has requested five experts to serve as a Commission on Country Life and conduct an investigation aimed at bringing about substantial betterment of the social, sanitary and economic conditions on American farms."

JOINTS FOR CHARLESTON

A friend reads The Observer's newspaper clipping from what paper does not appear. "In the July McClure Magazine Samuel Hopkins Adams in an article on the public health, refers to Charleston as a place where every man aspires to do just as his remotest recognizable ancestor did, and the best citizens would all live in trees and eat nuts if they were fully convinced of the truth of the Darwinian theory."

Dear Old Charleston, serene in her superiority and with her veneration for precedent, where, according to A. B. Williams, they ring bells at certain hours of the night for no other reason than that "they always did do it," and which, according to the testimony of another "is owned by the Germans, run by the Irish and enjoyed by the niggers."

"The Charlotte Observer should not delay imparting to the South Carolina hosts the information that Adlai E. Stevenson, nominated Saturday by the Democrats of Illinois for Governor, belongs to North Carolina," says The Salisbury Evening Post. Culhane? They would deny it. But all the same Adlai E. Stevenson, for four terms a Representative in Congress, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General in Cleveland's first administration, elected Vice President on the ticket with him in 1892, candidate for Vice President on the ticket with Wm. J. Bryan in 1900 and now the Democratic candidate for Governor of Illinois, was born in Kentucky of parents who moved there from Ireland county, North Carolina, where he has many kindred and where he always visits when he comes this way, which he does infrequently.

The letter of Judge Taft to ex-Mayor McInch, chairman of the local committee appointed to invite him to attend the Republican State convention in Charlotte two weeks from today, will prove a quite general disappointment to the people of the city and section, without regard to politics. The people of the city desired him to come because his presence would have attracted a crowd, and those of the section wanted to see and hear him. The Republicans, notwithstanding his absence, will have the largest convention they have ever held but it will not be nearly so large as it would have been with their presidential candidate the star. However, Charlotte will entertain the delegates and visitors properly, as was its purpose when it invited them.

Recent statistics show that there are 12,500 newspapers published in the United States, including about 1,000 dailies. In Europe there are some 20,000, Germany leading with 5,500. Asia has 3,000, mostly in Japan and British India, and Egypt and the African colonies of European countries publish 200. For every 52,000 inhabitants of the globe there is one newspaper—a fact which suggests large circulation possibilities yet undeveloped. This old planet would revert to primeval dullness without its newspapers.

It is easily discernible from his Wilmington letter, printed yesterday, and from his Washington interview with Mr. McGhee, that ex-Senator Marion Butler is anxious to be boss again. Of the interview it may be said as the darky said of the white man's speech, "He shore do recommend himself." But will his fellow party-men who got him down after so long and hard a struggle permit him to get up again? Well, hardly.

"Are the American people never to have an end of Harry Thaw and his affairs?" asks The Washington Herald. It seems not. If he were a candidate for President of the United States with a conceded prospect of election he could hardly be more conspicuously in the public eye. And yet he is a nobody, as all the world knows, who deserves nothing so richly as oblivion—unless it be electrocution.

We are proud to see quoted in The Charleston News and Courier an extract from the valued Commoner, of Lincoln, Neb., which indicates unmistakably that the Gander and Hen fund of \$25 has reached its office in good shape and been duly acknowledged. If the esteemed News and Courier has forwarded any other contribution it is silent on the point. The more glory to The Observer.

Eugene W. Chaffin, Prohibition candidate for President, narrowly escaped drowning in a swimming pool last Saturday night. Happily he was rescued, but not since the very different Duke of Clarence was drowned by his own choice in a butt of malmsey could there have been an end more appropriate.

No one can say that the New Zealanders and Australasians generally are not making a great "mirration" over our feet. In fact, John Bull shows some signs of becoming a little jealous.

Count Zeppelin's feat in raising \$400,000 by popular subscription within a few days after his airship disaster must seem half-miracle to Count Bryan.

Of all good news for several days past the news that the Southern Railway has largely increased its Spencer shops force seems to us the best.

MR. ERNEST THIES DIES

Another possible fatality. Superintendent Ernest A. Thies succumbed to injuries received in Boiler Explosion at Haile Gold Mine Near Kershaw, S. C.—Remains brought to This City For Interment Yesterday Afternoon.

Mr. Ernest A. Thies, oldest son of Capt. and Mrs. Thies, of this city, who suffered such serious injuries as the result of the terrific boiler explosion at the Haile gold mine near Kershaw, S. C., Monday, of which he was superintendent, died at his home here yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock without ever having regained consciousness. Everything that medical skill and loving service could do was accorded in his behalf but there was little hope from the start.

Mr. Thies was 40 years of age and, aside from his aged father and mother, is survived by three brothers and one sister, namely, Messrs. C. J., C. G. and G. Thies, and Mrs. W. T. Wohlford, of Winston-Salem. For the past five years Mr. Thies had been in active and complete charge of the Haile gold mine, one of the best known of the kind in the South.

It is said that he was one of the best liked men in Lancaster county. He occupied the Thies homestead, two miles from Kershaw, and there he entertained his friends in lavish style and kept open house for all who might call. His liberality was proverbial and his kindness to the poor alike was often commented on. He loved to entertain and had invited a number of his friends to a house party which was to be given next week and his night was spent in the city of Winston-Salem and already arrived to make the necessary arrangements. Everything was moving along smoothly and there was not a cloud upon the horizon.

Details of the terrible catastrophe are yet meagre. There is only one supposition as to the cause of the explosion and that was given in yesterday's Observer—that the boiler was too hot. It was learned yesterday that Mr. Thies was not in the immediate neighborhood of the boilers when they burst but was standing talking to Mr. Truesdel, of the mine, who was standing close by, was also caught by the falling mass but he did not receive the full force of the shock. His injuries, however, are considered very dangerous and his recovery is a matter of serious doubt. He was fatally burned all over the body.

Another perhaps fatally hurt. Immediately after the explosion, all of the hands about the mine and a number of people living in the neighborhood rushed to the scene to learn the extent of the damage and render any possible assistance. Mr. Adolph Thies first man was to look for his brother, Mr. Ernest Thies, superintendent of the mine. In order to get directions as to what had been done, he never dreamed that he was one of the victims of the accident nor did he imagine that he then lay piled beneath a great mountain of fiery debris.

Down in Charleston, S. C., where the dispensary has had a sad effect on some of the natives, the throne of the donkey as the allegorical figure of Democracy has been shaken by the admiring of the gander and it is even proposed that this interesting bird be made the official emblem of the party. But while Mr. S. S. Field lives the donkey's job is to be maintained as if it were under civil service.

Mr. Field was asked if there were any serious thought in Maryland for substituting the gander for the donkey. The Charleston News and Courier raffled off the gander which had been sent to it by The Charlotte Observer as a contribution to the Bryan fund after The News and Courier had been complaining of the reluctance of Southern Democrats to part with money with which to run the campaign.

Following this a suggestion was made that the gander, because of certain of its propensities, be made the emblem of Democracy. This was received in some places with disdain, and in others with a seriousness calculated to make the disdainers sniff.

And that is what Mr. Field did yesterday, when he was asked what preparations he was making to have the donkey strayed and the gander put in. It was one of those eloquent things of those long-drawn-out days of newspaper-convention for the mind which conceived such an idea. "Don't you think the gander would make a good figure?" he was asked. There was silence. On the wall of his office the picture of Democracy, a young man dressed in a suit, with his hands behind his back, was being seen to prink up its ears attentively and listen. Mr. Field said: "Huh!" and it appeared as if the picture of W. J. B. said: "Huh!" too.

WYLLIE, JR., SPOKE RUNAWAY

Son of Dr. W. Gill Wyllie Spoke to Annual's Neck For a Block, and Cuts Off Its Breath by Grasping Nostrils—Of For Charlotte. New York Herald.

Though he did not say a word about it to his family or intimates, so far as he learned, Edward A. G. Wyllie, Yale '08, one of the noted ball backs of the Varsity, was identified by other Yale men as the rescuer early yesterday morning of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Carpenter, of New York, who faced death of serious injury in a runaway in Madison avenue. The young man dashed from the sidewalk to grapple with the racing horse that drew their runaway by one trace was dragged from Fortieth to Forty-first street in his battle with the frenzied animal.

"Ted" Wyllie was called at Yale, and he is tall, long armed and very strong. The residence of his father, Dr. W. Gill Wyllie, is No. 28 West Fortieth street, and Dr. Wyllie's private hospital is No. 215 West Fortieth street. Mr. Wyllie spent Friday night in the latter, as his father is staying with his family in their country home at Seabright. The young man apparently was on his way to the hospital just after midnight Friday when he saw the Carpenter runaway which he says the Carpenter runaway was heading up Madison avenue.

One trace had broken, and the horse was whirling the light vehicle backward and forward across Madison avenue, tilting it with every new rush. Mr. Carpenter's efforts in pulling on the reins were entirely unavailing in checking the horse's speed.

"Ted" Wyllie rushed the runaway as if it were Princeton back carrying the ball toward the blue's goal. He tackled him and was immediately swung off his feet as the horse galloped onward. Wyllie stuck to his hold, bearing his own weight on the animal's burden and reached over the horse's neck for a suffocating hold on its nostrils.

This is a foul tackle, but it was a case of life and death, so the half back played by his own rules. His breathing suddenly cut off by the athlete's grip the horse lost strength and in a few strides and before it had reached Forty-first street it was dizzy and came to a stop.

Mr. Carpenter leaped out and helped his wife to the ground, and they both poured their heartfelt thanks upon their rescuer. They were able to proceed after the trace had been mended and the horse had recovered from its first lesson in football.

Mr. Wyllie, who was graduated from Yale last June, started for Charlotte yesterday afternoon to look over the plant of the Southern Power Company of which his father is president.

NEGRO BOLT ALARMS TAFT MEN

Massachusetts Editor Asserts 60 Per Cent. of the Black Vote Will Leave Republicans—Says Efforts of President to Take Brownsville Responsibility Do Not Blind Negroes. Boston Dispatch, 9th, to New York Herald.

"President Roosevelt recognizes how formidable is the bolt of the negro vote from Taft. The whole Republican party from the President down realizes it. Such recognition explains General Henry C. Corbin's plea for the whole message sent by the President from Poughkeepsie to Mr. Taft ordering the Secretary not to suspend the order discharging the negroes accused in the Brownsville affair."

This sentiment William M. Trotter, editor of the Guardian, adds that the bolt of negro voters from Judge Taft will total 60 per cent. Mr. Trotter returned to the city to-day after an extensive trip in his work as organizer of the National Negro-American Political League.

"Not only are the rank and file of the negro voters against Taft," he said, "but we have three large organizations at work, assuring us that the bolt will be especially felt in the South. We are assured of a big bolt from Taft in New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Maryland. There will also be a big bolt in Massachusetts. In these States we count upon 60 per cent. of the negro voters not supporting Taft. Of these bolters 20 per cent. may vote for Bryan, 20 per cent. will stay at home and not vote."

"The President's effort in the interests of Taft, attempting to hold himself personally responsible for the Brownsville order, will have no effect on our work."

SALISBURY NEWS OF A DAY

Promotion of Capt. Max Barker. Readers a Success. Special Arrangements Made by the Railroad For Those Who Wish to Attend Masonic Picnic—Former Charlotte Pastors. News Items Gathered Here and There—Notes of the Folks Who Come and Go. Special to The Observer.

Salisbury, Aug. 11.—A meeting of Company B, the local military company, is called for Thursday night to elect a captain to succeed Capt. Max J. Barker, recently promoted to major of coast artillery.

The Epworth League of the First Methodist church is working to secure a piano for their church. It will give an entertainment on Sunday night in this month and another within a month or two.

Mr. C. H. Warlick, a former Salisbury clerk, is back in the city again, being connected with the wholesale house of V. Wallace & Sons.

Mr. Leo C. Wallace, of V. Wallace & Sons, left to-day for New York to attend a great auction sale of 17,000 cases of cotton goods, representing several million dollars, and said to be one of the biggest auction sales of these goods on record. The Wallace firm is now doing an immense wholesale dry goods business in Southern territory and will soon increase its number of traveling representatives.

NAZARETH ANNIVERSARY. The second anniversary celebration of Nazareth Orphans' Home, of the Reformed Church, will be held at the home at Crescent, this county, on Thursday, August 13th. Mr. E. Frick is superintendent of the home. An interesting programme has been arranged. The Rockwell Band will furnish music and the principal speaker will be Rev. John F. Dieffenderfer, of Hummelstown, Pa.

The Chestnut Hill school board last night elected Mr. Luther Langie principal for the next year. It also elected Mrs. Mamie Owens and Miss Maud Redwine teachers and left one place open for the present.

Mr. John F. Ludwick is installing new and modern apparatus in his bottling plant and preparing to meet an increased business. Theo. D. Brown has made the following dates for State Organizer J. C. Ford, of the Farmers Co-Operative and Educational Union, for Rowan county: Harris Chapel, Monday, August 17th at 2 p. m.; Faith school house, 8 p. m. of 17th; Morgan township, Tuesday at 8 p. m.; Prosperity school house, Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Pond school house, Thursday, 8 p. m. Mr. Brown will also be present at these appointments and urges all farmers to attend.

FOR PICNICERS' CONVENIENCE. Arrangements have been made whereby a special train will be in operation at Barber's Junction Thursday, August 13th, to take picnickers from Salisbury off of western train No. 11 for the Masonic picnic at Mocksville. The western train leaves Salisbury at 10:10 a. m., and parties going to the picnic can return at 8:30 in the evening. Quite a crowd will go from here.

The funeral of Mrs. Gertrude Wine-coff, who died at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. J. A. Fesperman, last night, will take place at her home to-morrow morning and the burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. Mrs. Winecoff was 83 years old and had been afflicted with total blindness for the past twenty years.

REV. R. T. COIT A VISITOR. Rev. R. T. Coit, who is remembered in Charlotte as assistant pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, is here to-day shaking hands with his many friends. He has been attending the meeting of the Laymen's Missionary Movement at Montreal and goes in a day or two to resume his work in northern Mississippi, where he is engaged temporarily.

Mr. Coit is enthusiastic over the work of the laymen's movement. One item of the recent meeting was the raising of enough money to send thirty-two missionaries into the field.

Mr. J. H. McKenzie, Democratic candidate for sheriff, sick at his home on South Fulton street.—Mr. J. M. Mauplin has been quite sick for several days, but is better to-day.

Rev. Thomas L. Trott, of Durham, is spending his vacation at his old home in this county.

Unworthy of Grown Men. Statesville Landmark. It is noted that the Bickett Hospital Commission refused to erect a building at Morganton with a capacity for 100 additional beds, as asked by the directors of the Western Hospital at Morganton, but will build a hospital there for all white tuberculosis insane. The reason given for refusing to provide further room for insane at Morganton is the desire to equalize the hospitals at Raleigh and Morganton. If the pressure for room is the same at both institutions this is all right, but the accommodations should be provided where the need is greatest, no matter if it be necessary to give one hospital a dozen more buildings than the other. This sort of quibbling is too small for grown men if the needs of one institution are greater than the other. The insane should be provided for promptly, regardless of any equalizing.

The Reason Why No Southern Democrat Should Bolt. To the Editor of The Observer: In a recent issue of your semi-weekly, some one of your readers wishes to know, since Bryan is bidding for the negro vote, why a Democrat should vote for him. Bryan's attitude in this matter is most unfortunate, but not more so than that of Henry Waterson, of The Louisville Courier-Journal. But there is one reason why a Democrat in any Southern State cannot bolt the Denver nomination: If Bryan and Kern are elected, there will be, at least for 4 years, no appointment of negroes to Federal office in the South. Congressmen and Senators would prevent that. If Nebraska and Indiana want negro postmasters, etc., very well. But I don't believe there will be any demand. Now for a Southern man in 1912. W. C. Capps. Newark, N. J., Aug. 9, 1908.

They Never Will Forgive It. Augusta Herald. The South Carolinians can't yet forgive the North Carolinians for the fact that Andrew Jackson was born in the latter State. The Columbia State rally at the people of Waxhaw settlement in North Carolina for celebrating Jackson's birthday.



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Clearance Sale

All summer stuff must go to make room for the New Fall Goods that are coming in daily.

PARASOLS

All Fancy Colored and White Parasols, while they last at exactly one-half the regular price. First come, first served.

Arnold's Swiss Applique, the 25-cent quality; colors, Tan and Brown; can be worn late in the season. Special while it lasts, the yard.....12 1-2c.

BORDERED LAWNS

New Persian Bordered Lawns, White and Tan grounds, with pin dots. Regular price 15 cents. Special, the yard.....9c.

SPECIAL

All 10-cent Figured Lawns go on the 5-cent counter Tuesday morning. You'll find some good values among these.

SPECIAL NO. 2

All 5-cent Figured Lawns on sale at both stores at the yard.....3c.

GINGHAMS

Fancy and Staple Dress Gingham, regular 12 1-2c. and 15c. quality. Special price, the yard.....10c.

ROMAN STRIPE CREPON

This season's most popular Kimono goods. Price, the yard.....14c.