

News of the State

Happenings of Yesterday Told in Paragraphs.

Assistant Paymaster Raymond E. Corcoran, of Charleston, S. C., who has been visiting in Columbia, left last night for Rockford, Mo., to report aboard the U. S. S. Montana.

The recent rains in the Dunn section have affected crops of all kinds very much. Cotton is being specially hard on their labor as they have been running only about three days to the week for quite a long while.

Mrs. E. C. Harper has accepted a position as the postoffice at Dunn with Mr. A. R. Wilson. She has had experience in the capacity for several years, being postmistress at Benson under Cleveland's administration.

Harnett county's Democratic convention convenes on the 30th, the primaries to be held on the 31st of the month. There is more than one candidate for each office in the county, and no one will go in by acclamation.

In accordance with the action of the Wilmington aldermen at the June meeting, when it was ordered that two more mounts of handsome steeds be purchased yesterday and placed in service last night.

Mr. Frank T. Bizzell, formerly editor of the Laurinburg Exchange, was taken to Laurinburg from Whiteville last evening suffering with paralysis of the legs. He is somewhat better now than he was, and his friends hope to see him recover.

Interesting announcements may be expected in a few days as to the new financial agent who is expected to put in the field shortly, but whose name is withheld till official confirmation has been given.

Miss Maud Patterson, of Mooresville, will have charge of the millinery department at H. H. Goodrum's on Davidson street during the season. She will leave for the Northern markets about the 24th instant.

President H. L. Smith, of Davidson, leaves for Montreal the last of the week, where he will make an address next Monday, talking for his subject "Our Transition Period in the South and Its Call to the Church."

Senator Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury, arrived in Wilmington yesterday over the Seaboard Air Line and spent the day at Wrightsville Beach. He will go to Moore's Creek to-day to deliver the address at the celebration at the battle ground there.

The first car load of machinery for Delburg Mill at Davidson was received last week and of course, is but the precursor of heavier shipments in the near future, preparatory to starting the mill with the beginning of the new cotton season in the early fall.

Master Fred Blume, the 17-year-old son of Mrs. William Blume, of Concord, was taken to Charlotte yesterday afternoon, when at 10 o'clock last night he was operated on for appendicitis, his case being decidedly an aggravated one and needing immediate attention.

At the regular monthly meeting Monday night the Fayetteville board of aldermen appointed a committee of five in addition to the mayor, to visit the Cities of Greensboro, Asheville and Salisbury to investigate the subject of paving, with a view to ascertaining the best class of paving for the streets of Fayetteville.

Capt. Edward Hill is expected to arrive in Concord next Sunday from Worcester, Mass., accompanied by his wife and child. They will spend some time there visiting relatives. Captain Hill is now in the regular army of the United States, being quartered at Fort Riley, Kan. He has been service in Cuba and the Philippines.

Florida mullets are now being received at Wilmington. Mr. W. B. Cooper yesterday received a solid car, which were "on" by the regular dealers at the market, others which they were packed for the trade at the extensive packing plant of Mr. Cooper. The mullet catch along the coast will begin early next month.

Mr. U. N. Hoffman, of the Charlotte Observer staff, was in Asheville yesterday, returning to Charlotte after a ten-days vacation spent in and near Weaverville, in the northern section of the county. Mr. Hoffman will stop off in Old Fort to-night and reach Charlotte to-morrow. He expressed himself as delighted with his stay in the mountains of western North Carolina.

Mr. Lucas, of Charlotte, representing the Southern Power Company, appeared before the board of aldermen last night and asked for a franchise to enter High Point, another representative of the company having notified the board at a previous meeting the intention of so doing. A specimen contract was read and the board took the paper in hand to properly consider the matter before arriving at a decision.

Capt. W. H. McGeechay and Sergeant J. A. Rafferty, of Fayetteville, who represented Company F (P. I. L. L.), Second Regiment, at the rifle shoot at Camp Glenn, returned home yesterday afternoon. Sergeant Rafferty won fourth place in the rifle contest, and perhaps may be selected as one of North Carolina's team to represent this State in the National Range at Fort Perry to compete for membership on the American team in the International shoot.

Gaston County Convention. By Bell Telephone to The Observer. Gastonia, Aug. 13.—The Democrats of Gaston county held their convention here to-day and put out a full ticket. Mr. W. T. Lowe was nominated for the State Senate and Messrs. R. J. Davenport, of Mount Holly, and M. J. Kendrick, of Cherryville, for the House. All the old county officers were renominated except one commissioner.

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NEGROES ROAST MR. TAFT CALLED TOOL OF ROOSEVELT

The National Negro American Independence Political League, through its chief agitator, the Reverend J. M. Corrothers, stuck a few hot chunks under the hide of the Republican nominee—Corrothers will quit roasting the Democrats of the South, he intimates and go for the White Republicans of the North—Some Extracts From His Speech.

BY ZACH M'GHEE. Observer Bureau, 12 Post Building, Washington, Aug. 12. The "National Negro American Independence League"—that's a society, club, association, institution, establishment, or whatever it is,—held a rousing meeting here last night. The purpose of the meeting was to stick a few hot chunks under the hide of Mr. William Howard Taft, who has asked us all to call him "Bill." The Reverend Corrothers was the chief spokesman. He said Mr. Taft was in league with Satan, sort of like the constitution of the United States was before the big war, according to the New Englanders. The Reverend Corrothers expatiated a little and said that Taft believed neither in Christ nor in the salvation of infants, and was, therefore, worse than a heathen.

The Reverend Corrothers is quite much of a roaster. He is always roasting somebody. Generally it is somebody or a great many somebodies in the South, but in his long and fiery speech last night he intimates that he is going to quit roasting white Democrats in the South and go to roasting white Republicans of the North who have for these many years set the negroes of the South against their best friends, the Southern white people, and as a natural consequence the Southern white people against the negroes. He was a little sarcastic in places, though, as when he referred to "King Roosevelt" and "Brother Moses Washington," meaning Booker T. Washington, whom Northern negroes have never liked.

CORROTHERS AN AGITATOR. Corrothers is an agitator, and I have no doubt something of a demagogue, one who does not have any very wholesome influence over the members of his race, as a rule, but he does furnish food for thought, and since he is a very able man and a prominent negro, what he says is worth listening to. Of course, what he is mad about primarily is the Brownsville business, though the negroes have another and a greater grievance against Mr. Taft: that is because they say Taft has been advocating a "Lily White" Republican party in the South, which would mean the elimination of the negro from the party altogether, so far as the South is concerned. Whether or not it would be wise to welcome the negroes into the Democratic party is a question, of course, whether or not, there are indications aplenty that, in the language of the boys, there is something doing among the negroes, and quite considerable. Of course, there were other speakers besides the Reverend Corrothers, but they were in accord with one point—what was expressed by the Rev. J. Milton Waldron, president of the league, the Republican party has practiced duplicity upon the negroes long enough, and it is time for the negroes to open their eyes and see for themselves.

WHAT HE SAID. The Reverend Corrothers said: "This league represents a voting strength of more than 80,000,000 per cent. of which is opposed to Mr. Taft being elected President of the United States. "We who are assembled here number more than 1,000, and the meeting is for the purpose of publicly ratifying the nomination of William J. Bryan as the choice of the independent negroes of this country for President. "At this point Dr. Corrothers was interrupted with shouts of "Amen!" and words of approval from nearby throngs. After several minutes of applause, the negro pastor was able to continue his address. "In entering upon this reform, which indicates a departure from the habits of the past, it might be well for us to remind you that for forty years there has been a growing dissatisfaction among the thoughtful negroes of this country at the treatment received from the hands of the Republican party," said Corrothers. "Mr. Taft, the choice of the Republicans to carry the standard of that party this coming election, has declared time and again he was practically a 'Lily White Republican,' and you know what that means. He has put himself on record as in favor of 'Jim Crowism' and the 'disfranchisement of the negro.' "The Republican party, which you and I have been blindly following for the last forty years, is now headed by a man who dictates to the Senate and the House of Representatives and the country at large. This is contrary to the constitution, and I, for one, am going to vote to down his tool, William H. Taft, in the furtherance of such dictation. "The action of President Roosevelt in connection with the negro soldiers, and Mr. Taft's unqualified endorsement of the same, together with the endorsement of the 'Lily White' movement of the South, makes it absolutely impossible for any negro to support either of them without stultifying his manhood. It will be argued that no negro can support the Democrats without sacrificing his honor; but I want to remind you that the Democrat is under no obligation to the negro, nor the negro under any to him. For forty years we have been taught that the Democrats were our enemies, and the Democrats know that the negro has been used for forty years to keep them out of power. "ALLEGED DISFRANCHISEMENT. "In twelve States in this Union we are disfranchised, 'Jim Crowed,' and deprived of our rights as American citizens, and all because we have allowed Republican office-seekers to array themselves against our white neighbors in the South, where nine-tenths of our people have had to live and procure employment. A greater injustice could not have been perpetrated upon any people, but after forty years of suffering, I thank God the negroes are getting their eyes open, and are coming to see that if a man succeeds in this life there must be peace on the inside. The only wise thing left for the negro to do is to make peace with his neighbor in the community in which he lives. "The Southern white man is the negro's best friend, so says King Roosevelt, so says the man he has appointed to be President of the United States, and so says Brother 'Moses' Washington. In this I am willing to trust his judgment. Therefore, I urge every negro to vote for Mr. Bryan, thus dem-

onstrating, we have learned to recognize our friends as well as the men named. I believe that a division of the negro vote will gain us the respect of the best mind of both the North and the South. The Republican leaders cannot have any respect for the negro as long as they can use him at will. Neither can the Democrat as long as he knows the negro is to be bought and sold. Political independence is more important to the negro at this time than industrial dependence. "I am of the opinion there are millions of good white people in this country, and if the negro will cease to be a slave to any one political party, and will exercise his freedom as a man and an American citizen in the right direction, the God of our fathers will win friends for him on all sides. "If the 900,000 negro voters in the North, East and West will go to the polls on November 2d and vote for William J. Bryan for President, thus assuring his election, they will administer a deathblow to Southern disfranchisement and 'Jim Crowism.' "They will not only produce a change of sentiment with regards to the rights of the negro of the South, but will teach the Republican administration a lesson, and for the next thousand years all political parties will be made to recognize that negroes are men, that we are not asking favors because we are black, but we are asking justice—because we are men."

PURITY IN POLITICS. Dr. Corrothers closed his address by saying the Republican party needed some purity in its politics. Rev. Dr. J. Milton Waldron, president of the league, was interrupted several times in the early part of his address by negro Republicans, who persisted in asking him questions, and which he said he would answer at the close of his remarks. Dr. Waldron began his address by saying the Republican party of to-day is not the Republican party of Lincoln's time, and that the party of to-day had no claim on the negro. The negro did not owe the Republican party anything. He read what he called the negroes' indictment of William Howard Taft. Theodore Roosevelt and the Republican party. The reading of the indictment brought forth round after round of applause, and several times it was minutes before the reading could be resumed. The indictment, in part, is as follows: "William H. Taft, in his Goldboro speech, in his several after speeches and communications, approves of the disfranchisement of the negro. "While William H. Taft is not responsible for the order of President Roosevelt dismissing the negro troops of Brownsville, he has, in numerous public utterances, both as a public official and private citizen, approved and defended the President's course in dismissing from the army without trial and without proof of guilt, 167 brave, black soldiers. "William H. Taft is pledged to carry out the Roosevelt policy. "The President of the United States is a dictator with the power to cajole, intimidate, and persuade, by gift of office, Senators, Representatives and judges to do his will and execute his command as expressed by the TOOLS OF ROOSEVELT. "William H. Taft does not possess the courage and manhood required in a President of the United States. If elected, he will be the tool of Theodore Roosevelt. "William H. Taft is not a Christian; he repudiates most of the Bible, denies the divinity of Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, and is not a fit man to administer the laws of the United States, whose government is founded upon the teachings of the Bible, and would be a reproach and a menace as President of this country to the rights of all Christian citizens, be they Protestants or Catholics. "Dr. Waldron closed his address by claiming that Senator Joseph Benson Foraker was being slowly politically killed by the Republicans for daring to oppose "King" Roosevelt and "his man Friday."

THE WEATHER. Virginia, partly cloudy Thursday, showers and cooler at night for Friday in northern portion; fair in south, light variable winds. North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, generally fair Thursday and Friday; light to fresh south winds. Tennessee, fair Thursday, slightly cooler in west portions; Friday fair. West Virginia, showers and cooler Thursday or Thursday night; Friday fair. Eastern Florida, local showers Thursday and Friday; variable winds. Western Florida, Alabama generally fair Thursday and Friday, variable winds. Louisiana, Mississippi, partly cloudy Thursday and Friday; light to fresh south winds. Eastern Texas, fair Thursday and Friday; light to fresh southeast to south winds. Kentucky, generally fair Thursday, preceded by showers in northern portion; slightly cooler; Friday fair.

LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU. Charlotte, Aug. 12.—Sunrise 5:41 a. m.; sunset 7:35 p. m. TEMPERATURE (in degrees). Highest temperature 92 Lowest temperature 69 Mean temperature 79 Excess for the day 3 Accumulated excess for month 3 Accumulated excess for year 162 Total for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. 2.4 Total for the month 2.14 Accumulated deficiency for month, 21 Total for the year 25.19 Accumulated deficiency for year 5.01 Prevailing direction South W. J. BENNETT, Observer.

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