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JUDGE FRED MOORE DEAD.

The Observer records, with great distress, the death of Judge Fred Moore, of the Superior Court bench, at his home in Asheville last evening.

Frederick Moore was born in Buncombe county. His father was Daniel K. Moore, a farmer of Clay county, his mother Matilda Caroline Diekey, of Macon.

AN EXAMPLE.

The curse of politics is that it destroys the intellectual honesty of men or often, when it does not do this, represses honest expression of opinion.

When one sees Mr. Arthur I. Varys, Mr. Taft's Ohio manager, declaring that that State will give Taft 100,000 majority or more; Democratic State Chairman Conners, of New York, asserting that Bryan will have 75,000 to 100,000 majority in New York...

Mr. Taft is given out, after having increased Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance with a great deal of interest, replied to a question about it that for the present he had no comment to make on it.

MR. HEARST'S IDEA.

As to what is in the mind of Mr. Wm. R. Hearst is a serious question to all the people. The view of The Washington Post is that he believes that Mr. Bryan will be overwhelmingly defeated for President this year, and that after his defeat there will be nothing left of the Democratic party except a few Southern States and Tammany Hall...

ABROAD IN GEORGIA.

The counties of Iredell, Forsyth, Robeson and Buncombe can breathe easy for a while now. "People who live in the vicinity of Bridgeboro," says an Albany, Ga., special to The Savannah News, "would greatly appreciate enlightenment concerning the identity of some species of voracious and elusive beast of prey that has terrorized that section."

HE WILL REMAIN OURS.

Here comes The Montgomery Advertiser suggesting that North Carolina and South Carolina have their Legislatures fence off a portion of each State taking in all the territory claimed as Andrew Jackson's birthplace. This region would be erected into a new State and named "Waxhaw."

A new widely held view that with Republican troubles tending to increase and with Democratic troubles tending to disappear Mr. Bryan stands a real chance of election is shared by The Macon Telegraph. "When the people," says our Macon contemporary upon the subject of Democratic harmony, "saw a successful side-tracking of some of the Bryan demands, such as railroad ownership, and the initiative and referendum, and Bryan's acquiescence in the action taken, thousands of old-line Democrats in the South and East took heart."

"An immense number of men," declares The Textile Manufacturers' Journal, "are wearing suits purchased from one to three years ago." Had you noticed it?

WILMINGTON AS A PORT.

The statement taken from a recent government report, that Wilmington's exports for the fiscal year 1908 aggregated \$30,131,481 will surprise many North Carolina people. This aggregate, of which all but \$400,000 represents cotton, is twelve times Charleston's, not far from four times Newport News', about two and a half times Norfolk-Portsmouth's and also Brunswick's, and half Savannah's. Gulf ports so important as Pensacola and Mobile are far behind. Moreover, Wilmington's continued port growth is reflected in the fact that it leads almost every other important port with an increase of sixty per cent, over last year.

The New York Tribune conveys the information that "a new terror is added to life in the announcement of a flying variety of clemectularius." One acquainted with him in his primitive and best estate would forget him if he could, but the new suggestion brings to mind the near poetry of forty years ago which enshrined him thus:

Of all the insects, black or brown, Which promenade us, up and down, In rural haunt or crowded town, For purposes nefarious, None slyer than the festive clemectularius. The bed bug, fierce and ravenous, Its dinner led by clemectularius. It was said aforesaid, concerning the lightning bug and others, in contrast:

Senator Allison, it appears, left an estate worth less than \$100,000. As chairman of the Senate committee on appropriations he had disbursed billions upon billions of dollars. This is one of the men whom David Graham Phillips, in that infamous series of articles which Hearst's Cosmopolitan Magazine published under the title, "Treason of the Senate," pictured as a multi-millionaire from corrupt practices. The country has much cause for rejoicing that the heyday of the muck-raker and flit-slinger is past.

T. C. HOYLE MANAGER IN FIFTH.

Young Greensboro Attorney Chosen Chairman of Democratic Executive Committee - Gate City Aldermen Make \$500 Appropriation to Chamber of Commerce - Pennant Winners Entertained.

Mr. Thomas C. Hoyle, a well-known young attorney of this city, will manage the Democratic campaign in the fifth congressional district this year, he having been elected chairman of the executive committee at a meeting held in this city this afternoon. Prior to his election as chairman, Mr. Hoyle was elected a member of the committee to succeed Mr. John N. Wilshire, who resigned as the member from Guilford county.

Mr. G. H. Hastings, the member from Forsyth, was elected secretary of the committee. The other members are: Charles A. Scott, of Alamance county; D. C. Parks, Orange; S. C. Brawley, Durham; W. A. Devin, Granville; Col. John S. Cunningham, Person; P. D. Watt, Rockingham; T. C. Womack, Caswell; R. W. Hill, Stokes; C. H. Manes, Surry.

The question of the city making an appropriation of \$500 to the chamber of commerce came up again at a meeting of the board of aldermen this afternoon and received favorable action by virtue of a vote cast by Mayor Brandt to break a tie. The appropriation was strongly urged by a committee from the chamber of commerce, speeches in favor of the proposition being made by the President, Thompson, and Messrs. E. P. Wharton, E. J. Justice, R. C. Hood and W. E. Harrison.

The big barbecue and brunswick stew given at Hamburg to-day commemorating the members of Greensboro's winning baseball team, was a most enjoyable occasion. A big crowd of fans was present, and there was the greatest abundance of John W. Weather's famous barbecue and brunswick stew to say nothing of quantities of melons and a reasonable amount of the amber fluid that made Milwaukee famous.

Miss Rapp is very popular and is an active worker in her church. She will be a valued addition to the Catholic congregation of this city. Mr. Pulliam and his bride will return to Charlotte the last of next week.

The Republican voters of High Point township, Guilford county, are called to meet in primary at the High Point opera house Saturday, August 16th, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the Republican so many convention to be held in Greensboro, Monday, August 17th.

NEW YORK CONVENTION.

State Committee Names Rochester as the Place and September 15th as the Time For Holding the New York Convention - Judge Parker Re-elected Vice Governorship.

New York, Aug. 14.—The Democratic State committee in a ten-minute session this afternoon voted to issue a call for the Democratic State convention to be held in Rochester September 15th. The committee also adopted unanimously a resolution endorsing the candidacy of William J. Bryan and John W. Kern and expressing approval of the platform of the Denver convention.

Resolutions were as follows: "The State committee of the Democratic party of the State of New York in meeting assembled, cordially ratifies, approves and endorses the action of the national convention at Denver in selecting as the standard bearer of the party in the national campaign William J. Bryan, of Nebraska, and John W. Kern, of Indiana. We believe that Mr. Bryan stands out among all the public men of the country as the embodiment of honesty, integrity, patriotism and the other qualities which go to make up an ideal American statesman, and that in Kern, he has a worthy running mate and one who will give us well to the great office of Vice President.

FLEET LEAVES AUCKLAND.

With "Good Luck and Love" From New Zealanders the Atlantic Fleet Steams Away From Auckland—Thousands Gather to Bid the Officers and Men Farewell.

Auckland, N. Z., Saturday, Aug. 15.—The American Atlantic fleet departed for Sydney at 11 o'clock this morning. The weather was fine and large crowds were ashore and afloat to bid farewell to the Americans. Excursion craft loaded to the rails dotted the harbor. As anchors were hoisted and the flagship pointed her nose toward the mouth of the harbor pandemonium reigned. The short batteries belched forth parting salutes which were answered by the American ships, and the whistles and sirens on the excursion flotilla sounded across the harbor and were re-echoed by the distant Americans. The American ships were kept busy dipping their flags in answer to the salutations of the New Zealanders.

A NEW BALE OF COTTON.

Mr. J. A. Blakeney, of Providence, Has First Bale of Season Ginned and Adds to His Record. An elusive bale of cotton is something new under the sun but that is what Charlotte had yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Blakeney, of Providence township, sold to W. A. Watson, of College street, a bale of new cotton to-day. "said some one, who he was the man at The Observer end of the telephone could not say. "Chase as the boys did, they could not locate the informant. Mr. Watson had gone to Port Mill, and Col. Sam Culp, the corpulent cotton buyer of the wharf, did not know anything of a new bale of new cotton. Bob Simpson, the cardinal top, is in Atlantic City.

This is early for new cotton. Mr. Fred Oliver, who planted an acre the 2d of April, came in last night with an open boll and said that he was certain it was the first in the county. The Blakeney bale will show up to-day. The report is that the cotton brought 12 cents and the bale weighed 500 pounds.

Mr. Blakeney could not be reached over the telephone but Mrs. Blakeney said the bale was ginned and sold by wire. This is the earliest bale ever sold on the local market, and the 19th year Mr. Blakeney has sold it. Mr. S. H. Robinson, of Providence, sold the first bale last year, and the date was the 28th.

The First Defeat of the Season. Greenville Reflector. Charlotte fails to get the presidential nominee Taft as a drawing card for the Republican State convention. That is one time Charlotte loses out, but so many times she wins that it is not worth mentioning. It is a cause for other failures.

THE ALAMANCE BOND ELECTION.

The Majority in Graham Township 169 Bars 232 in Mebane Township 74—This Is Just How It Is.

To the Editor of The Observer: In your issue of the 11th, in answer to our letter with regard to the majority in Graham township, you stated the majority was 94-1-2. This agreed exactly with our idea and also with the idea of a great many of our citizens who think they know how to "finger." We are therefore surprised to see in to-day's issue, the 13th, where in your reply to Mr. B. S. Robertson you state upon reflection you have decided that 169 is the majority. In the same issue, and in the same column, you decided a similar question from Mebane and you decided this question upon the same hypothesis that you used in figuring the Graham township majority in your issue of the 11th instant. In the Mebane case in to-day's paper you make their majority 17, when if you figured this proposition as you do the Graham proposition in to-day's paper the Mebane majority would be the difference between 131, the votes for, and 97, the votes against and not voting, which would leave 34.

Now please explain to us how it is that you figure the Mebane proposition in one way and the Graham proposition in another way when they are both similar. If you can't decide this matter right we are going to call in the help of The Norfolk Landmark and The Charlotte News and Courier. We were very much elated to find that such a high authority as your paper agreed with us that the Graham majority was 84-1-3 and were equally as disappointed to-day to find that you are trying to figure the majority 169. The definition of the word majority in the Century Dictionary is "that portion more than half," and this is the reasoning that you apply to the Mebane bond election, and the one which is in our opinion correct, but in answer to Mr. Robertson's letter regarding the Graham majority you use an entirely different process of reasoning and arrive at a totally different result. We are not satisfied yet and wish to know if you shall, as above stated, send this on to The News and Courier and Norfolk Landmark, who claim to be higher authorities on many subjects than your paper, which, however, we are very loath to believe and are only going to appeal to them as a last resort. We must, however, have the truth of this matter.

YOTER. Graham, N. C., Aug. 13th, 1908. [Let us make one more pass at this matter. The majority in an election such as that under consideration is the difference between the votes cast for and against the proposition. Take this as the basis. In Graham township there are 389 registered voters; 279 were cast for the bonds and against them and not cast were 110; take the 110 from the 279 and the difference, the majority, is 169. In Mebane township are 238 registered voters; 131 were cast for bonds; against them and not cast, were 97; take the 97 from the 131 and the difference, the majority, is 34. This is final, and if not satisfactory our Alamance friends must carry the controversy to Charlotte or Norfolk or both.—Observer.]

REPLY TO MR. WOODSON.

Mr. Alexander Does Not Feel Compelled to Act the Role of Theological Lecturer—He Feels Simply to Criticize an Unchristian Attitude. To the Editor of The Observer: My attention has just been called to the card of Mr. Woodson, which appeared during my absence to the middle West. The gentleman evidently misread or misinterpreted my meaning. I did not propose to write myself up as a public exponent of Unitarianism, or to burden Observer readers with lengthy discourses or religious topics. I do not feel competent to enlighten the world on that line and from the tenor of Mr. Woodson's card, I think he, like myself, needs more enlightenment, before entering the field as a theological leader. The object of my reply to his former communication included in endeavoring to enlighten him against others on account of religious belief. I do not think it possible that such an attitude can be assumed from the teachings of the great Baptist Church, or any other Church that tries to improve its people with true Christian ideas.

I simply proposed to Mr. Woodson, that if he would write to me, I would take great pleasure in informing him that we could not give the information necessary to forming religious conclusions. Others who read my card put the proper interpretation on it—wrote me and have received replies (privately) giving the desired information. I am still ready to serve Mr. Woodson, if he so desires.

As to the questions which Mr. Woodson asks, in his last card, will say they are easily answered from a scriptural standpoint. My views on those points are firmly fixed and in full conformity with the Scriptures and the teachings of Christ whom God sent. I have not the time to enter into a religious controversy through newspapers and for that reason will not attempt a public exposition of my theories on the question proposed. I will be glad to unfold them to any one in private conversation, be he minister or layman, but can not afford to set myself up as a target for every bigot or crank to shoot at. Therefore, this will be my last newspaper article bearing on the subject, though I will ever stand ready to make good my proposition in my former card.

F. B. ALEXANDER. Mr. Glidwell Regrets That He "Butted In." To the Editor of The Observer: As usual the man who "butts in" gets himself into trouble. It turns out that an un-known in Boston, when I take a hand again in controversies about the birthplace of North Carolinians the "old man" will know it. I wonder if our friend King really feels as much hurt as he pretends. If you should have a question of his birthplace I shall have nothing to do with it. Just why he should have talked so much of stripes at this time I am unable to say. Any way I pass the matter to you for settlement as to you may seem just and proper.

P. W. GLIDWELL. Reidsville, Aug. 13th, 1908. Observer's News Editor at Salisbury, Salisbury, Pa. Mr. U. N. Hoffman, news editor of The Charlotte Observer, spent several hours in the city this afternoon returning from Weaverville and other points in western North Carolina, where he has been spending his vacation.

Mr. Hoffman is one of the many bright young men The Observer has taken on within the past two years and his paper's appearance reflects the splendid character of his work.

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A SNAP IN HATS \$3 STRAWS \$1

Any Man's and young Man's \$2.00 to \$3.00 nobby Straw Hat in the house for \$1.00.

PANAMAS HALF PRICE \$5.00 Panamas \$2.50. \$7.50 Panamas for \$3.75, and \$10.00 Panamas for \$5.00; but all are for the Cash only at these prices.

SAMPLE IMPORTED SOX Still a lot of those samples of Imported Half Hose left, all the popular colors and not a pair worth less than 25c., three pairs for 50c.

WALKING CANES A new full line swell styles, from the 15c Bamboo, the large Hickory, Congo and folding sticks at \$3.50.

"EMERY" SHIRTS There's no better fitting Shirt made or sold than the "Emery" at \$1.00 to \$3.00.

NEW LINE KNEE PANTS Here's the best lot of Knee Pants and Knickerbockers we have shown in years for 50c. to \$1.50.

MEN'S AND BOYS' FALL SUITS A lot of our fall purchases has already come and they are simply swell.

SCHOOL SHOES We are ready for the school opening. Our boys' and girl's school Shoes are here. Also a lot of Men's and Ladies' fine fall shoes of the best makes.

NEW STETSON HATS The newest things to be had in young men's nobby Hats in Stetson's \$3.50; no name \$3.00 and Dilworth \$2.50.

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