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#### MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1908.

TAFT AS TO NORTH CAROLINA. ers that it would be impossible for he has him to deviate from his announced nati, but he was no doubt an atten-

tive listener to what is spoken of as some interesting information to the took him from North Carolina. "All the conservative Democrats of my cated negroes, who are aiready registered, will vote for you. Judge Taft," of his election to North Carolina's confidence in you." "Mr. Bradshaw later explained somewhat further the was intense bitterness among the Kitchin, the last-named receiving nomination on the one hundred and fifty-ninth ballot" "Moreover, there was a feeling among many Democrats that Governor Glenn had bro-"This he [Mr. Bradshaw] maintained, had estranged all the wet Demoroad legislation of the Democratic the wages of the 22,000 employes within the State, and it had prevenitinuing the proposed double-tracking of its line through the State. It had

votes of many Demograts If he would accept the nomination. Mr. Bradshaw asked Judge Tatt to tage up every Republican to work for the largest

larity the coefficient were race any strent this year. He expressed the coviction that Parker would have made far better out in the State this year the Nebruskan. \* \* Mesers Fire Nebruskan. \* Mesers Fire Nebruskan. \* Mesers Fire Nebruskan. \* Mesers Fire Nebruskan. shaw and Daniels seemed to think Mr. conversation we three have had.

Taff's earnest words to Mr Cox would result in the party's gaining the best possible candidate for the governorship when

to mislead Judge Taft, Mr Bradshaw certainly | conveyed in the above tion. Events, for instance, will demonstrate that not all of the conservative Democrats of North Carolina will yote for Judge Taft, and that not all of the wet Democrats have been two elements should fall away from it the State would certainly go Republican, which it certainly will not. The really interesting thing in this uted himself. special, and all that is actually new in it, is that Judge Taft urged Mr. Cox to accept the Republican nomion for Governor and that Mouses. Bradshaw and Daniels are of opinion, In view of this urging, that he may

maker a return to absolutism in ver we will talk about it as The Chat-eria morally impossible. tanooga (Tehn.) Times.

"A GOOD FIGHTING CHANCE." Colonel Watterson, the head of the The New York Herald, an unexceptionable authority, prints the foreson's diagnosis of the situation. Indicating unmistakably a predifection for Judge Taft, it proceeds that "No one now fears that his [Mr. Bryan's] election would provoke an industrial, commercial and financial cataclysm. As a matter of fact his speech of acceptance has strengthened rather British officials entering strong dethan shaken public confidence. Mr. Bryan has evidently mellowed in re- fair. This trouble, perhaps the retirement. While Mr. Roosevelt has suit of honest differences, was in itbeen growing steadily more radical self sufficiently regrettable. The one in his attitude toward economic ques- thing certain about the unpleasanttions, the Nebraskan has been stead- ness as a whole is that the American ily growing more conservative and athletes-according to the most plausprudent." It continues that "The ible explanation, because about half question who will win is rendered of them were New York Irishmen still more difficult to answer by the and inspired with the out-of-date fact that there is no 'paramount is- hostility toward everything English sue' in the present presidential cam- which still persists strongly in spotspaign If the party platforms were showed an ugly spirit from the very to be surreptitiously transposed no- first. When the athletes of the nabody on either side would ever find tions passed in review before the It out. It is a case of 'six of one and King's stand at the opening ceremohalf a dozen of the other.' Mr. Taft nies the American color-bearer comcould stand on Mr. Bryan's platform and Mr. Bryan could stand on Mr. fusing to salute, his fellows then and Taft's platform without either one or thereafter openly manifesting apthe other feeling that he was on strange territory." "The personal fitness of Mr. Taft," it says further, "is evenly balanced by the personal magway of saying, what has been said the United States are concerned, the many times during the campaigh. shat it is after all a contest of men and not avowed purpose of promoting interto The New York Tribune from Hot of measures. And again-following national amity. On this account a Springs, Va., tells of a visit to Judge the above declaration about the simi-Taft last Friday from Messrs. G. S. larity of the platforms, "It is for Bradshaw and Garland Daniels, of this reason that The Herald as a per-Greensboro, and J. Elwood Cox. of feetly independent and unbiased High Point, bearing an invitation to newspaper agrees with Colonel Wathim to speak at the Greensboro cen- terson's assertion that Mr. Bryan tennial in October. He told his call- has a good fighting chance. Of course

All of which is a good deal for The policy not to speak during the year Herald to say, for generally in the except at Hot Springs and Cincin- progress of presidential campaigns it

#### HEARSTITES ALREADY MELITING

Except those on the pay roll, the New York Evening Post in this consick of Bryan; they fear the result moves on apace. The old war norses desert. The other day it was Judge To-day no less an Independence mandetails of the political situation in darin than Attorhey General Jackson North Carolina. He said that there is said to be preparing to cast loose In Brooklyn, where Hearst and Coler, Democrats, who had just succeeded his prophet, counted a large congre-In nominating a Populist candidate gation of the faithful, the sturffiest for Governor in the three-cornered pillars of their temple are coming fight among Messrs Craig, Horne and Out for Bryan. It is hard on Mr. the Hearst that men who have been raised to high place through his efforts, should kick the useful ladder away, but the founder of the Indeman's ingratitude." And so we see that Mr. Hearst's third-party game. Indiana, not to mention Illinois and California, goes to pleces, the benefidat effect upon Mr. Bryan's chances will be great and obvious.

#### "GO SNUCKS" SOME MORE.

Our accomplished correspondent, was a strong demand in the party for pronounced "snooks" and means to en Mr. Cox the necessity of his accepting Snucks.' New "snook" (Scotch) the nomination and Mr. Tait sid so means to small or search, but we make the sandhee which his candidate would in the seemed however, to think that they might uit; shouldn't "go snuk," or "snucks" however, to think that they might uit; shouldn't "go snuk," or "snucks" argument.

The South by discussing the subject further or going too closely into the will tolerate, why should not the city have its erstwhile revenue?

Savannah has answered by promay have been, we are reminded, a N no doubt states the origin corde vent than receip. Anyhow, it is an illuminating of last fall. Since June 22d last the

convention meets on the 2th in has in one month raised \$22.50 for for the six business days aggregating Without having intended, of course, \$19.50 of this was paid for a gander Street going considerably, faster than and hen from North Carolina." So industrial and mercantile conditions ness has been reduced to a science in seen a very noticeable recession. very true except that our Houston contemporary has its figures wrong. allenated from the party. If these \$29.50, \$25 were realized from The of Judge Fred Moore, to Mr. Locke Observer's fowls, so that Deacon Craig, and we regret that he could Hemphill has raked only \$4.50 additional, none of which he contrib- is a lawyer of distinction and would

> As an expert upon aeronautics, we have to say that Captain Baldwin's be said to have worked very importdirigible balloon, now under test by the War Department at Fort Myer, form-Mr. Bryan reaching after conis a very inconsequential affair.

If a certain Tennessee contempo-Not the least good thing about the rary doesn't stop referring to this pain of absolutism to Turkey is that per as The Charlotte (N. C.) Obser-

OUR BAD-MANNERED HEROES. We recognize the fitness of having Bryan literary bureau, says in the the American participants in the recourse of a letter to a friend; "Mr. cent Olympic games at London given Bryan has a good fighting chance a formal welcome by patriotic New now, and in my opinion it will grow Yorkers. Only one country, the with the progress of the campaigq." United Kingdom, led them in total number of points, and in track and field events they were easily first. The going and confirms Colonel Watter- Marathon rave, the crowning event of the games, was won by an American. Of all this we are proud, but in some other respects the American confestants as a body did neither themselves nor their country any honor. The reference here is not especially to their complaints, the nials, that certain rulings were unmitted the wanton discourtesy of reproval. A willingness to make things unpleasant for their English hosts cans throughout. They rendered it credit on the foughten field, but their manners were nothing less than atro-

in crediting to him an arrangement going to set a dislocation reached by Tennessee Republicans. If all goes off as planned factionallam will actually do party service. "home rule" or Brownlow-Austin-Houck-Oliver faction has already State ticket. It wrote a State-wide prohibition plank in its platform and candidates. The Evans-Sanders fac- all wrong. ion addendum. Both factions will than would come his way if harmony carrying the State for him. Verily, politics is a queer critter.

this bird of wisdom was not entrusted whatever end it may have in view, is to the manipulation of The Sun." O, couldn't look him in the face. Now, it is a bird of wisdom, which we have exemplary walk and conversation it has won his real affection. The Ganbands of many physicians but its vindication is complete.

> "But why should the voluntary action of Northern and Western necidentally alding in the election of

According to figures given by The Wall Street Journal, the stock marof twenty-six points since the panic railroad list has gone up ten points. During last week the market exhib-"The Charleston News and Courier | ited very great activity, transactions the national campaign fund and nearly five million shares. Isn't Wall says The Houston Post, which adds as yet warrant? It looks to us so. to the foregoing that "Tightwadish- No wonder the last few days have"

> Governor Glenn did a proper thing in offering the judgeship of the fifnot see his way clear to accept it. He make a righteous judge.

Messrs, Bryan and Taft may each

So He Might.
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# Tales of the Town and the Times

There are various kinds of humor are the persons who know how to and the average North Carolinian, though he be quiet, sees the ridiculous side of life as he journeys through this vale of tears. O. Henry—how I wish I knew what that O. stands for so I could spell it out and make the name look full—is a typical Tar Heel of the humorous sort. Senator Vance was the humor-teller during his services as Con-Senator Vance was the humorous statesman; O. Henry, the hu-morous writer. The humor of Senstor Vance helped him to success at home and abroad; that of O. Henry is making him fame and fortune. In reading the books of O. Henry one is struck with delightful wit and humor in their multitudinous forms. In his story on "The Handbook of Hymen" he makes Sanderson Pratt, one of his characters, say: "I've seen them Eastern college fellows working in camps all through the West, and I never noticed but what education was less of a drawback to 'em than you would think.' Why, once over on Snake river, when Andrew McWilliams' saddle horse got the botts, he sent a buckboard ten miles for one a botanist. But the horse died." Where could one find a paragraph more pregnant with subtle

#### HOW TO WIN A WOMAN.

in "Telemachus Friend," the same author tells how to get to the heart of a woman. In leading up to a rivairy between himself and Paisley Fish, his friend and rival, Hicks, de-"The only perfect case of true friendship I ever knew was a cordial intent between a Connecticut-man and a monkey. The monkey climbed palms in Barranquilla and threw down cocosnuts to the man. The man sawed them in two and made dippers, which he sold for two reals each and bought rum. The monkey drank the milk of the nuts. Through each being satisfied with his own share of the graft, they lived But in the case of like brothers. human beings, friendship is a transitory art, subject to discontinuance without further notice."

Having won the girl from Fish, Hicks makes this observation: "Now, I give you my own recipe for ineigling a woman into that state of affairs when she can be referred to as 'nee Jones.' Learn how to pick up her hand and hold it, and she's Hitchcock is certainly a resourceful yours. It ain't so easy. Some men political manager unless report errs. grab at it so much like they were shoulder that you can smell the ar-nica and hear 'em tearing off bandages. Some take it up like a hot horseshoe, and hold it off at arm's length like a druggist pouring tincture of assafoetida in a bottle. And most of 'em catch hold of it and drag it right out before the lady's eyes like a boy finding a baseball in the grass, without giving her a chance to forget that the hand is growing on the end of her arm. Them ways are

"I'll tell you the right way. Did you ever see a man sneak out in the back yard and pick up a rock throw at a tomcat that was sitting on a fence looking at him? He pretends he hasn't got a thing in his hand, and that the cat don't see him, and that he don't see the cat. That's the idea. Never drag her hand out where she will have to take notice of it. Don't let her know that you think she knows you have the least idea she is aware you are holding her hand. That was my rule of tactics."

are rich with droll humor. He is a firm owes will settle wid Mose." gifted story teller.

story is in great demand and few is liable to find itself in a scrape.'

lowed a fee of 12 pence, to be paid out of the goods of the body "searched," if he were worth it: otherwise, from the public funds of

nothing as the result of Georgia's prohibition law. The process is a simple one.

Atlanta Constitution

on Sunday! that is blind and not the tigers. the city wakes up, summons the alleged eyeless ones into the recorder's court, extracts from teach \$100 and sends them on their way rejoicing in another half year's

mmunity By this process the city treasury s enriched to the extent of \$50,000 a year-the sum thought to have bee plost as the result of prohibition a sum now become the price of

an honest effort to enforce the law. Blind tiger proprietors were arrested and brought into court with seemingly unquestionable evidence. There was no noticeable laxity about the prosecution and yet petit juries came back promptly with emphatic ver-dicts of "not guilty."

And so the question arose, if juries

Savannah has answered by pro-ceeding to collect it. Batch No. 1, Improved and Recog-nized Order of Blind Tigers, ninetythree in number, has just been haled into court, leaving \$100 each-\$9,300 for the city treasury and there are a hundred others yet ito come.

An interesting condition this which oufron tsGeorgia with the stringent prohibition law yet adopted

A condition of lawlessness absolute, recognized and licensed by municipal government: But what about 112

Is there any hand that will or can be raised to stay it? Or will it thrive and grow until inrestrained example has spread infection to other communities of the

An economic problem of intricacy here presents itself. ORIGIN OF "GO SNUCKS."

The Observer Enlightened Regarding This Peculiar Terms Which Means Divide the Spolls. To the Editor of The Observer:

made quite a reputation as a story gressman in Washington. He tells most delightful stories, not jokes, but short stories, from life, and full of humar. The Rowan county Dutch-men, with his quaint manners and customs, has furnished him with tales. As an instance of his style of story the following is cited: A Salisbury lady, who had more cats than she needed, told a farmer, her butter man, that he could have a kitten if he wanted it. The man was delighted.

"I will bring several of the little fellows so that you can see them, said the lady.

The farmer waited on the porch. "Here are two kinds a manx (which has no tail), and the oldtime ones; you may take your choice,' said she, putting the kittens down. Picking up the long-tailed kitten, the man said: "I think I will take this one; he looks a little more fin-

Our people are humorous without intending to be. In my junkets over the State I have seen and heard some funny things.

THE SMALLPOX SCARE.

About ten years ago I made my first trip from Fayetteville to San-ford. As the train crossed the sand hills I made notes of everything that impressed me. Among other things I saw a tramp shaving himself un-

der a railroad bridge, using the running stream for a wash bowl, and the engine chase a white and brindle steer from the track. It was at that time that smallpox was taking rank hold in the State. Every town and city was quarantining against its neighbor and the people were frightened out of their wits. At Jonesboro, Moore county, I saw quite a commotion in the street. Groups of people stood about the town, talking seriously. I got off for a moment to ascertain the cause of the solemn agitation.

"What's happened?" I asked. "Smallpox," said the town mar-"Where?"

"In the country, about ten miles." "You certain that it's smallpox?"
"Almost, but not quite. The doctor has just come back from there. He saw the patient but could not tell exactly what he had. Being a young fellow he was scared to tackle it. When he got there he was afraid to go in the house, but he made the patlent stick his hand out the window and he felt his pulse with a pair of tongs.

I crawled back in the train. In 1898 I rode about North Carolina on a bicycle. One of my favorite pastimes was copying signs from trees, posts and postoffice and court house doors. In one of the eastern counties ! found this trespass notice: 'Any man or woman's ox or steer or cow caught into these oats is liable to have his or her tail cut off as the case may be

Up the Carolina Central I read this on a dilapidated blacksmith shop: "N. B. The copartnership shop: The copartnership heretofore resisting between Mose SOME LOCAL STORY TELLERS. Skinner and me am this day resolved, and all what owe the firm will Every page in O. Henry's books settle wid me and tham what the ifted story teller.

North Carolina has many men, North Western road this warning apwho, if they had turned their talents peared on a slab in a roasting ear-to writing, would be shining in the patch: "Any persons ketched on world to-day. The short these grounds, or cows or weemins,

#### TOTAL PROHIBITION. How It Isn't Enforced in the Empire State of the South.

the parish. Savannah's city treasury will suffer In ordinary times these duties are

said to have been performed by two The city has lesued an édict pre-hibiting the opening of "blind tigers" these "quarter plunks" fell into the old women, but in time of epidemics possibly more competent hands of But as for week days, it is the city the "chi-surgeons." Notwithstanding Except that once every six months the twenty-five-centiness of the fee. quick deaths might develop fine profits. And otherwise the business had lucrative possibilities: the "search me" of the dead might easily thrust into the hands of the searcher some tainted valuable be-

In times of plague the office was not without its hazards, and bust-ness was brisk, and the searcher was never searched.

open and defiant lawlessness.

It must be said to Savannah's name of Snacks found bis business increasing beyond his ability to perform it alone, and balancing hazard with profit, he offered one-half of the profits to any one who would join him in the execution of his duties. Those who went with him for a division of the spoils were known as "going with Snacks." Hence arose the common saying, "go with Snacks," now, by the corruption of ignorance through time, "go snucks," which by interpretation is to say, divide the spoils,

Aug. 15th, 1908.

### URGED TO ELECT BRYANT.

Mr. R. B. Redwine, of Monroe, Says Durham County Will Do the State a Great Service by Sending Victor S. Bryant to Next Legislature. To the Editor of The Observer

In to-day's Observer I notice that a call to service has been made on Victor S. Bryant, of Durham. This recalls to me a conversation of two years ago in Raleigh; when I was asked to name a half-dozen of the brightest and ablest young men in the State. Among these I wanted brightest and ablest young men in the State. Among those I named Victor S. Bryant, of Durham; Cameron Morrison, of Mecklenburg: A. S. Dockery, of Rockingham, and Walter Bickett, of Louisburg. At the time I stated that in my judgment it would be wise for the Democratic party to keep in training some of the best young talent within its ranks, and expressed the hope that the three first-named gentlemen would be members of the next General Assembly of this State, Mr. Bickett at the time being a member Surely to shed light upon the mountain-tops is a high and blessed privilege; wherefore, in compliance be said to have werked very important emendations in his party platform—Mr. Bryan reaching after conservative Democrats and Mr. Taft atter radical Republicans.

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The Bryan editors.

Privilege; wherefore, in compliance with compliance with your request for enlightenment, if it with unfeigned pleasure that I write you as follows: In olden times in England the prototype of that common afficial known powadays as the coroner was entitled the "body nearcher," and his business was to examine the bodies of the dead and make report as to the cause of the make report as to the cause of the Monroe, Aug. 15, 1902.

# NEW SILKS

To show the New Fall Line of Dress oods and Silks, including all the new, popular weaves and colors.

# Tricot Messaline

The new soft Satin Finish Silk, which will be very popular for day dresses, evening gowns, etc. Colors, Cream, Pink, Light Blue, Lavender, Pearl Gray, Green, Mode, Brown, Navy, Old Rose and Black. Price the yard.... \$1.00

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Splendid assortment of the new Fancy Stripes, Chevron Weaves, Persians, etc.; all the leading shades. 

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We are showing an elegant line of Wool Goods in the new fancy diagonal and herringbone weaves, the new shades of Browns, Blues, Green, Garnets and Black. Price the yard..... \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

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At less than half price—the 10 and 15c. kind—all to One lot Colored Lawns worth 5 to 7 1-2c. Clean up

price the yard .... ..... 3c. Mercerized White Aeolien, 3 to 9 yard lengths, worth 

New lot of Hand Bags and Purses in the new Blues, Browns, Tans and Black. Price each ... 50c. to \$1.50

Plain and Fancy Silk Belting, White, Cream, Light Blue, Pink, Navy and Black. Price per belt 25 and 30c.

New lot just in, fuuf sed."

New shipment just in of the "Catawba Earthenware." One to five gallon jars.

Another new lot of Jelly Glasses just in.

1-2 gallon Fruit Jars.....\$1.00 per doz. Just a few dozen left.

The Little-Long Con