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THE COUNTY JAIL.

Conditions in the common jail of Mecklenburg county are such as to cry aloud for amendment. These have been adverted to in these columns before and the report of the last grand jury called for betterment.

It is not intended by this to pass a criticism upon the humane and kindly jailer, who feeds the prisoners well and in all respects does the best he can for them, nor to criticize any one else. The fault is in the jail itself, which is inadequate for its purpose and faulty in construction.

THE DEADLY MUSHROOM.

Two more people killed by eating supposed mushrooms. The man lacked very little of being entirely accurate who said, long ago, that if they killed you or nearly killed you they were good, but if they left you unharmed they were mushrooms.

At any rate, the oratory supplied by the Democratic national campaign committee will not cost it anything except, in some cases, expense money.

A CEREAL NATURE FAKE.

The modern world has learned again and again that there is no discovery too wonderful to be true, but this knowledge need not blind any one to the continued existence of nature.

In reply to numerous and naturally eager inquiries, the Department of Agriculture at Washington has been under the painful necessity of exploding a golden myth.

It is of peculiar interest in and about Charlotte that special dispatches from New Orleans to the New York Herald show that many experts in that vicinity reject the tuberculin test for cattle.

North Carolinians are a generous people as is shown by the last annual report of the Board of Public Charities. In addition to the hospitals for the insane, the schools for the deaf and dumb and for the blind, all strictly State institutions, all of the counties except six have homes for the aged and infirm.

"If they ain't armed they ought to be," said a young white miner "with a rich brogue" talking Tuesday to the president of one of the Springfield, Ill., coal companies, about the negro miners, "and if they are, they ought to be dismissed. You cannot blame 'em for being nervous, nor you can't blame us for getting away from the kind of nerves that carries a razor.

Mr. Sherman, the Republican candidate for Vice President, is a gentleman who believes in being in accord. In his speech of acceptance he "subscribed heartily" to the declaration of principles adopted at the Chicago convention in June, to the effect that the Democratic Party in its Cincinnati speech, and to the policies of President Roosevelt.

A HAPPY TERMINATION.

Never before was a liquor and anti-liquor fight—notorious for the bitterness which such contests engender and leave behind—concluded with such evidences of good feeling all around, as mark the finish of a recent bout at East Aurora, Ill., between the Methodist church and the rum-sellers.

"We are rapidly becoming a nation of boarders," declared Rev. Dr. George Bailey, of Washington City, in a recent sermon. "An orator," he went on, "has said there is not a man who will not answer the call to arms in defense of his home. But who will shoulder a musket to defend his boarding house?"

People are flocking to Texas, says The Houston Post, in larger numbers than for several years past. Really? The population up this way seems to be reporting when called for trial just about the same as usual.

JUDGE JUSTICE IN CHAMBERS.

Hearing Had Last Night as to Whether Injunction Now Held by Mr. G. F. Harper, of Lenoir, Be Made Permanent Restraining Commissioners From Cutting Down Street.

Exceptionally Good Crop Year. "I have never seen crops so large nor crops so fine in Mecklenburg county," said a citizen yesterday, who is widely traveled and conversant with all phases of agricultural work and life.

Not Mrs. D. A. Garrison. The Observer was asked by a friend over the long distance telephone last night to state that Mrs. D. A. Garrison of Mecklenburg City is not connected with the plan sketched in yesterday morning's paper to the effect that the original stockholders and owners of certain tenement houses adjacent to the Vermorel Mill hope to regain possession of the defunct plant by organizing a new holding company.

President Bridges Here. Rev. Dr. J. R. Bridges, president of the Presbyterian College, arrived in the city last evening. He will be at the college until to-morrow morning for the purpose of conferring with anyone desiring to enter the institution, September 2d.

Mad Stone Again Applied. The little Cunningham boy of Pineville, who was bitten by a dog supposed to be mad, late yesterday afternoon, was brought to the city last night and the Butler and O'Donoghue mad stones applied. The little fellow was bitten in two places on the left arm and a stone was applied to either wound. Everything worked splendidly, the stones adhering well. Mr. R. B. Harris, an uncle of the lad, brought him to the city. Dr. H. W. McCain accompanied him.

Diners Hereafter on La Carte Basis. Commencing to-day service on the Southern train No. 15 and 14 between Washington, Va., and Atlanta, and on Nos. 37 and 38, between New York and New Orleans, will be a la carte, instead of table d'hôte as heretofore.

Tales of the Town and the Times

BY RED DUCK

Last winter, while in Washington, we met some very charming people, especially from the Southern States, among them a bright, clever young woman, who left there late in May to join a party bound for Europe.

"Here I am, on the 29th of July, in 'gay Paris,' saying a grand thing. It is simply delightful. We arrived Saturday, the 25th, and have been on the go ever since. I go until I feel I must rest and go again. We have not, as they say, been 'on the town,' to the music hall, and so forth, yet, but there is a man here from Atlanta, who has promised to take us out some night where we could not go without the company of a man. I know we will see sights!

"Our trip has been perfectly lovely. We were a month in Italy, visiting Naples, Florence, Rome, Venice and Milan and then we went down the Riviera to Nice and Monte Carlo for a couple of days. The trip from Genoa to Nice was grand. The train followed so close that it looked as we would go in, and on the other side were high mountains, making beautiful scenery. All along the rocks were covered with every imaginable flower, making the most charming effect imaginable.

"From Switzerland we journeyed to Munich, Germany, and took in the exposition—and, on the side, or incidentally—some of the famous Munich beer, before departing for Vienna, a most fascinating city, with the prettiest streets and public buildings that I have seen anywhere. The thoroughfares are so neatly kept and the gardens enchanting. There were a few things of interest and we saw most of them. We were at Berlin a week, stopping at Dresden two days on the way. Both of those cities are attractive. Berlin is much the handsomer. It is the very center of the city, a park containing 600 acres. In Dresden we saw some of the famous art galleries.

"On leaving Berlin we went to Frankfurt, where I thought of our Washington friends many times, and the way we used to eat imported frankfurters in Mrs. De Armond's room at Congress Hall Hotel. We traveled down the Rhine in a boat to Cologne. The Rhine is beautiful, but with the exception of a short distance, I do not think it exceeds the Hudson. We were on the river all day and enjoyed the change from the hot to the cool. We were cold in fact, almost freezing. I have worn my coat almost constantly since I left; even in Italy it was very cool, and I have slept under blankets and on temporary beds ever since I landed. That wonderful for June and July?

THE ATTRACTIVE DUTCH. "From Cologne we went to Am-



9 O'CLOCK TO-DAY

Store Should Be Full

Coat Suit Department should be a place for busy clerks and eager buyers. Every lady in the whole city and this section who is the least bit interested about her dress and has one drop of economy should be at our store to-day at the beginning of this mighty money-saving Sample Coat Suit Sale.

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THAT ELECTION MATTER AGAIN.

Mr. Charles L. Coon Submits Some Calculations on the Alamanco-Graham-Mebane Bond Election. To the Editor of The Observer: In your issue of August 15th, you make the following statement in regard to the Alamanco bond election: "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 289 registered voters; 279 were cast for the bonds and against them not cast were 110; make the difference between the two, the difference, the majority, is 179. In Mebane township are 228 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."

The election in Graham township, with 289 registered voters, would have been lost had not 195 votes been cast for the bonds, a bare majority of the registered voters. There are no half votes in such elections. In this case, therefore, the majority, when 279 votes were cast for bonds, is the difference between 279 and 195, or 84. In the Mebane election, there were 228 registered voters. This election would have been lost unless 115 votes had been cast for bonds. The majority for bonds in Mebane township is, therefore, the difference between the 131 votes cast for bonds and 115, or 16. I submit the above on the authority of our State constitution which says that no county, city, town, or other municipal corporation can levy any tax, except for necessary expenses, unless by vote of a majority of the qualified voters therein. Clearly a majority necessary to levy such a tax is more than half the registered, qualified voters, which in the case above is 195 and in the other 115. All votes above these figures add to the majority.

CHARLES L. COON. Wilson, Aug. 17th, 1908.

Redicious Appointment.

Col. Henry Watterson, of The Louisville Courier-Journal, has been appointed by the national Democratic executive committee, as head of a "press committee of advisement" with power to select his co-workers on this committee and proceeds to hand out a list of men that should be surprised to all loyal Bryan men. For instance the North Carolina member of this committee is Mr. J. P. Caldwell, of The Charlotte Observer, and in various other States his appointments are equally as redicious. Of course Mr. Bryan has got to have a considerable number of more votes than he has received in the past to occupy the white house but just how Mr. Bryan figures that these men will aid in this undertaking, we are unable to see.

A Truly Eloquent Appeal.

Say, Tightwad, ain't you willing to chip in a dollar to relieve the distress of 55,000 postoffice famine-suffering Democrats in the United States? Clutchfield is a fine Domestic Coal.

Republicans Name Ticket in County of Lee.

Sanford, Aug. 19.—The Lee county Republican convention was held here yesterday afternoon in the opera house. They put out a full ticket composed of their very best men. It has been rather encouraging to them to see just a little dissatisfaction within the ranks of the Democratic party, hence they determined to use very great caution in the selection of their candidates. The leading Democrats do not feel in the least alarmed.

They also selected their delegates to the State convention. The following gentlemen compose the county ticket: For clerk, Superior Court, Sandy Wicker; for sheriff, A. A. Kelly; for register, W. I. Brooks; for county commissioners, Messrs. E. G. Moffitt, J. F. Powers, J. P. Gilliam, David Mann, and H. D. Cameron.

Republicans Put Out Ticket in Chatham.

Pittsboro, Aug. 19.—The Republicans held their county convention here to-day with ex-Congressman John W. Atwater as permanent chairman, and nominated the following ticket: For the Legislature, W. H. Tyler, of Goldston; for sheriff, J. J. Jenkins, of Siler City; for register of deeds, H. G. Dorsett; for county commissioners, A. J. Lane, J. B. Riggsbee and J. U. Goodwin. The convention elected John W. Atwater for Congress, and Mr. Atwater says if nominated he is anxious to meet Mr. Pou in joint debate.

Mr. Tompkins' Election.

Edgedfield, S. C., News. Mr. Tompkins, a native of this county, but now a resident of Charlotte, N. C., has been elected president of the Appalachian National Forest Association. No better selection could have been made. Mr. Tompkins is one of the most successful business men of North Carolina and a man with a broad and progressive mind who has attained a national reputation. We congratulate the association on securing him as president.

Alabama Murderer Arrested in Cuba.

Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 19.—Avery Hardage, a young white man wanted in Crenshaw county, Alabama, for the alleged murder of his uncle, J. W. Weatherford, arrived here to-day from Cuba, where he was arrested in custody of an Alabama officer, who is en route with the young man to the scene of the crime. Hardage admits killing his uncle, but says it was done in defense of a younger brother.

Diarrhoea Cured.

"My father has for years been troubled with diarrhoea, and tried every means possible to effect a cure, without avail." writes John H. Ziegler, of Edgewood, Va. "I saw Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy advertised in The Evening Star, and bought a bottle to try it. The result is one bottle cured him and he has not suffered with the disease for eighteen months. Before making this remedy he was a constant sufferer. He is now sound and well, and although sixty years old, can do as much work as a young man." Sold by R. H. Jordan & Co.