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morals, sometimes goes on at auc-

exchange and the laws of New York

more fraudulent and, at least in ret-

rospect, more shamelessly apparent.

For ways that are dark the aver-

can hardly be outdone. This class

institution, deals fairly. In conse-

RANGE.

meteorological science and opportuni-

ties for observation will permit.

year, but, we repeat, suppose it did

happen. The Democratic party

South Carolina will go down in his-

tory after this presidential campaign

Parched Acorns Dug Up From an Old

While working over an old unused

But for being charred they were in-tact. The trouble has been in ac-counting for how the acorns got there. The road has not been in use for many years. Mr. Mawhorn thinks that Indians, while parching them for food, were called off and left them

as the Tightwad State.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1908.

MR. BRYAN ON TRUSTS. In arraigning the Republican par-

ty as the chief fosterer of Socialism in this country Mr. Bryan was forceful and unanswerably pointed at Indianapolis yesterday. Republican paternalism, he clearly showed, eventthe beneficiaries. It breeds trusts the State district attorney's office may which suppress individualism and take a hand later. drive the country toward a Socialism youd the substitution of government men, he submits, are not least inter- useful speculation nor, as a gambling ested in administering a check to these tendencies. He does not agree quence it has been abolished over a with Mr. Roosevelt that industrial large part of the country. The New monopolies in the hands of a few York stock and cotton exchanges, almen can be classified as "good" and ready in danger of severely restrictive "bad" and may all become "good" or crippling legislation upon Governor through regulation; he wants them Hughes' initiative, may profit by its banned as inherently and inevitably example. evil. His plan is that any corporation controlling twenty-five per cent. or more of any commodity shall take out Federal license and obey rules insuring fair play, while corporations now being sent out by the government harnessing the stream for the past controlling fifty per cent. or more when conditions appear to make apahall not enjoy teleration at all—a proximate accuracy possible should was still rising, the rains having been very general throughout its entire plan open to some strong objections, prove very popular. Of course these drainage area. The stream, which as any definite proposal must be, but shots from long range will miss the had already been gushing like a monembodying the right idea. Mr. Taft's mark more frequently than the short ster mill race, rose three feet yesterproposed remedies, according with kind, but they possess a distinct value, day in almost as many hours, washthe Roosevelt theory, he forcibly none the less. In foretelling the limited scope of their purpose. All in with regard to their beginning, direc- simply roared, contributing to the tree all, Mr. Bryan has made another very tion, scope and range of greatest efable and very Democratic speech, fect the Weather Bureau has long We are almost as much pleased with since achieved practical certainty. without number. The river just be-It as with his Des Moines tariff effort The blizzards and cold waves which low the Catawba dam, which is norand would hardly doubt the result on sweep down from the Northwest or mally very shallow, was more

BARON STERNBURG.

hands of every voter.

Sternburg is a loss to the United States and warnings wired far ahead. But along with that tact which embraces coast and the lakes would be much ('reck the dinky bridge was the other man's or other people's more precarious than it is. Equal viewpoint, his influence for good upon | certainty of another sort is seen in dinary sense but an intermediary be- and prospective conditions higher up. tween two great and virile nations of When and where there will at least be Ham's efforts to bring about very cor- can give. Increasing numbers of dial relations between the United North Carolina farmers who get daily that distrust might not have been telephone can testify to the general in spite of the fact that the river was half so successful. The high personal value of the service even for a State deing its utmost to put everything esteem existing between himself and so wonderfully blessed in its climate. President Roosevelt is well known The bureau's latest move harmonizes His place in the public life of the with the policy of extending its useworld was large and can hardly be fulness as rapidly as the advance in the elements. more than half filled.

"A Tennessee exchange," we find Only a short time ago an arrangepaign collectors in South Carolina reports roughly covering most of the bite all coins over half a dollar to two hemispheres are to be exchanged. believe it, for the reason that there is while the goosebone remains stationcontributing over half a dollar." Nor standard ultimate and crushing vicwe for the same reason. Had the tory will one day rest. Gander been sent on the round of candidates' speakings and raffles been held instead of hand primaries-but why multiply vain regrets? When Minnesota and Mr. Bryan were dethe history of this presidential campaign comes to be written the part May anything rather than the second a theme for wonder and for scorn.

If delegates to the Republican convention don't like the weather they leader. find in Charlotte just now let them remember that their party is in power at Washington and responsible for the Weather Bureau along with all other departments of the Federal gov-

We could sometimes wish there Kinston Free Press. was no such month as August, but then we straightway think of the watermelons, cantelounes and souppergs, and don't wish anything of the

n hearty welcome to the Rey please and be pleased

And now they have all been noti-

A GAMBLING HELL TOO HELLISH. AN ENORMOUS RAINFALL "Wash sales" and "matched orders' (Continued from Page One.) these are familiar terms to all who

have kept in touch with events of recent years on the New York stock exchange. The practices which they represent largely made up the sensational stock markets of 1904, 1905 and 1906, and now come last Saturday's performances to dwarf previous records. Over 1,100,000 shares were seemingly dealt in during the were seemingly dealt in during the few business hours of the week-end

and bored a hole in the floor. HOSKINS TRAFFIC STOPPED. day, the higher prices and show of great activity thus caused serving kins stopped at 7:45 last night in view of the threatening break of the dam of the big pond recently built broker or group of brokers representing one large manipulator would has had a large force of hands place buying orders in certain stocks, working continuously since an early place buying orders in certain stocks, hour yesterday morning trying to keep the immense volume of water ing orders was placed by the same from tearing through the embank-manipulator through other brokers, ment. The first squad of hands went out about 1 o'clock in the morning out about 1 o'clock in the morning manipulator through other brokers, ment. The purchasing brokers would bid up and commenced cutting channels at prices rapidly, their bids being either end of the large dam. Ob-promptly met on the rise by the sell-serving that the water was rising ing brokers. Thus quoted values of too rapidly for them, another squad twelve stocks were greatly enhanced o'clock yesterday afternoon. Chanwithout necessitating the actual pur-chase of a single share by the au-and of similar depth were cut on ther or authors of the trick. The the ends in order to keep the water from flowing over the dam. Still only risk lay in the offer of genuine another force was sent out at 9 stock at the higher prices, forcing the o'clock last night in order to make manipulators to buy where they a last effort at saving the dam. Before this hour, however, the street cars had been stopped because of was almost entirely avoided. As the danger which seemed so imshowing how completely the big mediate. Had the dam broken, the nanipulator or manipulators held street car tracks for a long distance way it was observable that 100-share eral feet. As it was, the tracks for would have been submerged by sevlots of stock could either be traded some distance and for a part of the in not at all or else only at figures day were covered with water to the a whole point or so away from the street cars ran along on usual exchange quotations. Practices like schedule these are closely akin to the "by-bid- GREAT DESTRUCTION PROBABLE

ding" which, contrary to law and comprehension of the destruction which will lie in the wake of this, tions. The New York stock exchange the greatest of all floods this section people who were guilty of them has experienced since a time violated both the rules of the cotton which there is no remembrance. What it will mean to highland crops State. Nothing could have been is it with the lowland fields of cot-One can safely judge, ton and corn. however, that the corn of the bottom soil in this entire section nates in government-aided monopoly. The governors of the stock exchange been actually ruined by the overflow with the few instead of the many as have ordered an investigation, and and the cotton production on account the excessive wetness will notably cut. If many of the fine bridges which span the streams of the county are not really washed ultimately involving little change be- age bucket shop, it is well known, away, there will be a large amount same is applicable to the railroad for magnate. Independent business of establishment neither promotes bridges in pledmont Carolina, many of which have been damaged as press reports elsewhere will verify. So far as could be ascertained, there has been no loss of life in the streams hereabouts.

The weather man predicts a clear-ing away of the clouds to-night and the prevalence of fair weather.

CATAWBA SMASHES RECORDS. The water in the Catawba river at 6 o'clock vesterday afternoon was running between twelve and thirteen feet over the Catawba dam near Rock Hill, It was higher than ever before in the history of the Southern Power The week-ahead weather forecasts Company, which has been engaged in five years. At last accounts, the river ing down its muddy course the accumulated debris years. All the ed away, trunks of trees and fences election day if a copy were in the from beyond the great lakes, and the twenty feet deep. All of the hottoms furious tropical storms which sweep stream was miles wide. No substanup from the Gulf of Mexico tial damage was done the Southern or the Caribbean Sea, can be Power Company's Catawba station nor The death of Baron Speck von duly noted early in their career the stations at Great Falls or Rocky Creek other than what might be ex as well as Germany. Possessing in a for warnings given of storms both sections of work were impaired, and high degree the gift of popularity, great and small, navigation on the in several cases demolished. At Rocky away just at the mouth of the stream. Great Falls suffered comparatively little by reason of the fortunate loca-German-American relations cannot the protection given cities and ripa- tion of the power house, being off the easily be estimated. He has not only rian farmers on long rivers like the main stream and on the natural canal been a successful diplomat in the or- Ohio by informing them of present situated some distance away. The main dam, was allowed to follow the regular course of the stream and friendship, culture and enlarged com- danger of frost is also extremely val- take the course around. The big mamerce. Without him, Emperor Wil- uable information which the bureau chines ran on as usual, generating the current which supplied the cotton mills and plants in cities fifty and seventy-five miles away. There was

AT SPENCER MOUNTAIN While the stations of the Southern Power Company escaped with little injury, the plant of the Spencer Moun-The Houston Post observing with its ment was reached with the British tain Company, six miles below Gasusual asgacity, "declares that cam- government's weather men whereby tonia, was not so fortunate. A 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon the water had reached a point within six inches see if they are genuine. We do not Thus science unceasingly progresses, and the stream was boiling and bubof the windows of the power house Grave fears were no, record of any South Carolinian ary. It is easy to predict upon whose then entertained for the plant, substantial damage having already been done the property. It is understood that if the water penetrated the power house and ran into the generators Suppose Governor Johnson were that great injury would result. The elected a third time in Republican big force of men at work in staying the flood, afraid of a further rise in the waters, were boarding up the feated a third time in the country. windows with close fitting planks and impervious material late played by South Carolina will provide contingency happen spolitically this afternoon. The plant has been shut down since Sunday, the lighting of the CHY Gastonia having been would almost certainly have another night by the Southern Power Com-The Spencer Mountain plant is owned and operated largely by Gaston county capitalists and has a capacity of approximately 1.000 horse-power.

connected with it out of commission.

The superior equipment, and especial-

ly the splendid service, did noble ser-

vice in combating with the force of

TRAFFIC IS ABANDONED. At the hour of going to press this morning it was announced that the Southern had practically abandoned traffic on its several divisions in this section on account of high water Train No. 38 was held at Greenville because of the imminent danger in road on his farm yesterday, Mr. Hyman Mewhorn dug up a bushel of
parched and charred acorns, which
were in a hole two feet under ground.

trains were also annualled. It cannot creeks. Some of the southbound trains were also annulled. It cannot be estimated when schedules can be resumed.

On the Times.

burning in their wigwam. Others sig-gest that some medicinal concection, for which the Indians were famous. We confess an ignorance. Can any one solve the question?

Worried because The Raleigh Times fulls to understand The Observer's lit-tile jokes." The which raises the ques-tion on which contemporary is the

Tales of the Town and the Times DY RED DUCK

The season of yarns is at hand; the one do it but you can't tell what a Republican politicians are here. They buffalo will do when he wants grapes are all here, Spancer Adams, Carl right bad!"

Duncan, Marion Buller, Tom Settle, "That's our friend exactly." Harry Skinner, The Iron Duke, The Bull of the Brushles, Rough Henderson, Virge Lusk, Tom Rollins, Charlie Reynolds, Eugene Holton, Ike Meekins, Hesh Harkins, Skreen-to-One Kelth, and the rest. The August 1994 floods have kept a few of the boys in the trenches away but all of the high-mucky-mucks can swim.

All day yesterday, while the plat-form committee was considering the various planks, a number of the wellknown wind-jammers of the party sat around the lobby of the Selwyn Ho-tel cracking jokes. Colonel Henderson, with a Russianesque beard, a Wilkes county bloom in his cheek, and a clear, far-seeing gray eye beneath a grizzled brow, took the lead in reminiscent yarns.

"It was in the days of Old Buck Kitchin," or "Vance," or "Ransom," or "Oliver Dockery," or "Judge Settle," or "Rom Linney's younger lays," so and so took place, from morning till night. Outspoken, ready and mother-witted Uncle Rough makes a charming raconteur.

RIGHT AT HEART. "What about prohibition? Are you going to put a plank in the platform, endorsing the Democratic law?" Colonel Henderson was asked. "Not me. When Wilkes goes out I godly," will surrender," declared Mr. Hender-

"I do not believe that there are downright prohibitionists. Somebody asked Senator Vance, many years ago, how he stood on prohibi tion. His reply was: 'My heart is all right but my stemach goes back on me.' That's the way it is with most people—the heart is for prohibition but the stomach won't stand."

"How about Mr. So and So for Governor, Colonel Henderson?"

"He won't do. I'm against him," "Any special reason?"

"Yes. He cheated me out of a speech one time at a State convention, and that, to me, is a crime, I have been attending Republican State conventions ever since the party was organized and I always make a speech This fellow was in the chair when I called for recognition, but he did not, or would not, hear me. The convention adjourned sine die and I did not get to give birth to a great speech with which I was pregnant." "What about that man, will he

A MILK AND CIDER MAN. "No. He is a milk and cider felthat I heard on a certain astute commit himself on anything. One day declared in his presence that he had "'What was that?" asked the law-

grapes,' said the doctor, yer, 'you know that is not so-it's

The politic man heard all of this

he is a man of sense,' said the doctor. 'He has been about a great deal. Let's see what he says The question was put to Brown.

'I don't know about that. 'I never saw

PAUNCH AND THE MINISTRY. "A funny thing happened in the mountains during the last campaign—I mean that confounded liquor business," said Colonel Henderson. "A big fat preacher, with more lungs than brains, was splitting the alg for the ratification of the bill. His crowd was not in sympathy with him. As he ripped and roared and hung over the table a drunk chap, far back in the audience, getting tired of the performance, shouted in an incoherent way 'I done found out dat paunch

don't make 'er prescher.' "School was out. The speaker had to tell the boys to take their books and go home."

Colonel Henderson is as widely known in Republican circles as any man in his party. His way of express-ing sentiments and opinions is pecu-llar to himself. On looking him over the average person would put him down for an illiterate, but he is a college bred man,

He is not afraid to take a stand for or against a person or an issue.
"When I don't like a man," Colonel Henderson, yesterday, "I don't associate with him. You never catch me in the congregation of the un

FORMER SENATOR BUTLER. Former Senator Marion Butler will attract more interest in Charlotte vention. His skyrocket career, as lead-er of the Populist party, made the Democrats despise him. His name will arouse a Democrat quicker than that of anybody else in the State. He may not know it but his enemies call him The Fox."

"He has the face of a fox," said a man as the ex-Senator walked up to the Selwyn register yesterday and wrote down his name. Mr. Butler may affect this peculiar facial aspect for he wears a full, fine pointed, VanDyke beard, which makes his head shape up just like that of a cunning fox or wolf. But, withal, he is an attractive man. He has a keen eye, a cool head, and plenty of courage. As a debater on the hustings he feared no comer His ability to make trouble is second to that of no politician. The Republicans are afraid to let him get any-thing like a good seat in the band wagon lest he overthrow the driver. take the reins and let the elephant go down the pike. THE BULL OF THE BRUSHIES.

Rom Linney, known to the political world as the Bull of the Brushles, is low—has no opinion to express on a literary man of rare attainments anything. He reminds me of the story He has lived in the mountains so long that he looks like a sawed-off peak United States Senator. Private John with many butts and spurs. He is well Allen, that Mississippi story-teller, versed in classic and mountain lore. tells it. He said that the Senator, The works of Dickens, Thackeray, whom he knew well, reminded him Lytton, and such noted authors have of a Western fellow, who would not been his everyday companions. The ways and customs of the mountain two of his friends, a lawyer and a folk are familiar to him. It is not undoctor, decided to try him. The doctor usual to hear leading men of the State say "that is one of Romulus Linney" seen a bull buffalo do a very unusual stories." As an attorney Mr. Linney feat a day or two prior to that. es delivered in the House of Representatives during his stay in Congress "Why, I saw him elimb twenty- was made by him. There is something five feet into a tree to get a bunch of to him. He looks the part of the rugpes,' said the doctor.
'Oh, come off, Doc', said the law- his blue eyes, and his shaggy mane. argues quite insufficient even for the grand movements of the atmosphere branches and creeks running in impossible, a buffalo can't climb a long and turns up, or curls, a la Benjamin Franklin, and gives him woolly appearance about the head. He measured swords with the great but did not say anything.

"Well, we will ask Brown here, Democrate of the last generation. If he should be nominated and he and Mr. W. W. Kitchin were to have a joint debate the campaign would be one round of pleasure. It would be in-"Brown studied a little, and, run- teresting to hear the shrill voice and ning his fingers through his hair, said see the picturesque form of the old war horse in combat.

something over 8,000. We have the

following industries: Three furni-ture factories, one safe and table,

one chair, one oil mill, one ice, one

harness, one glass, three cotton, one flour mill of 700 barrels capacity

block of business houses and two

with life and business. How can i

Watch North Carolina, but be sure

CLEON AND I.

THE STATE'S GREATNESS. wide as "the best town in North Carolina," the census of 1900 gave us a population of 3,249. We have now

Statesville Man Deeply Impressed by the Commercial and Industrial Thrift Seen Everywhere From Mountain Top to Seashore-Statesville a Typical Town of the State. To the Editor of The Observer! I ask myself the question, Does the

daily, one cement and plaster, one average North Carolinian fully realize brick-making machinery, four towhat a truly great and progressive bacco, one roots and bottling works, two lumber mills. State he lives in? Last summer 'I We have two wholesale grocery and visited a great many towns between one wholesale dry goods house and Newton and Oxford and I must con- three banks. In the last year about 75 residences were erected and an entire fess that I was truly amazed at the great commercial and industrial solidity, upbuilding and progress that handsome churches. At the present States and Germany in place of mu- weather reports at their homes by no diminution of the supply of power I saw on every side. The thrift, rate of growth and progress we fully expect to have within the next five years 15,000 inhabitants. energy and ingenuity of the people remind me more of the characteristics of the New England average North Carolina town. The Yankees than the sons of the warm, whole State is growing by leaps and bounds; it's teeming and vibrating sunny clime. The people of the Old North State have always been virtuous and brave. In the war of the revolution and the great civil war North Carolina courage and ber and hardwoods and a people was loyal, undying and unquestionable. The sound of drum keen, alert, vigorous and prompt to and fife and the cannon's roar has meet conditions and grasp opporvalor long been hushed under a reign of tunities. peace, but the history of past martial events deals largely with the heroic to get up early and stay up late, for fealty and patriotism of the men this great State is charging time and women of the Old North State opportunity and progress, just like The people of the State are as a her heroic old veterans charged on rule deeply religious and from the the great battlefields of Virginia, rule deeply religious and from the the great battlefields of Virginia, only this time she is gaining victory to the white shore line of the Atat every turn. W. I Statesville, Aug. 24th. to the white shore line of the At-lantic one will be impressed with the beautiful churches and their large and earnest congregations, not alone in the cities and towns, but all throughout the country. In the great work of missions in which the Cleon hath ten thousand acres, United States is so carnestly engaged Ne'er a one have I; and deeply interested the State of Cleon dwelleth in a palace, North Carolina is to-day leading our in a cottage L States not only in money, but our Cleon hath a dozen fortunes,

young men and women are crossing Not a penny I;
the seas in large numbers and devoting and dedicating their lives to the Is Cleon and not I. conversion and moral reclamation of our heathen brothers and sisters. No State in the South since the war has made greater progress along educational lines than ours. Taking our splendid colleges and universities which was controlled to the war has been already of the way of the located in the principal cities, which provide for a finished classical education, we have high-grade male and female colleges in all of the large towns in the State. In addition is the free school system, which is graded and affords not only a com-mon school course but carries the mon school course but carries the pupil through the higher branches that are enrolled in the private high-class colleges. The children of this age are being highly educated under the system of free public schools, and the effects and results are becoming more and more manifest each year in raising the standard of morals and good clitzenship.

In briefly commenting on the commercial and industrial growth of the State I need not go away from home to illustrate the situation but will lake Statesville. Known far and Who would changet Not I.

Cleon harbors sloth and dulness. Freshening vigors I; Richest man am I. Cleon is a slave to grandeur, Free as thought am I; Need of none have I Wealth surrounded, case encumbered. Death may come, he'll find me ready;

Cleon, true, posse

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It's in our Men's Furnishings, Clothing or Shoe Department. There's the "Emery" Shirt from \$1.00 to \$3.00, and everybody likes them because they fit.

There's the new Fall Stetson, "No Name" and "Dilworth" in soft and stiff at \$3.50, \$.300 and \$2.50.

There's "Scriven's" Underwear, too. Now for a Suit, pair Pants or Fancy Vest. We have just gotten in some of our Fall Suits for Men and Boys and we sell no cheap "Eastside" clothes, but sell snappy Suits, \$15.00 to \$27.50, and Boys' Suits \$2.50 to \$8.50:

There's our "Knox" Shoes at \$5.00 and \$6.00, our "Dilworth" at \$3.00 to \$4.00 that would make any man take life easy. 'Then our "Sorosis" for Women at \$3.50 and \$4.00—the swellest Shoe on the market.



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