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cessful manufacturer, for some years time, will not wear out his right arm fox has been run to cover. with signing checks to the Hon. George Rumsey Sheldon or any other farmer of the Republican revenue, General Draper has had the reputation of responding liberally when asked to step up to the captain's office and settle. This year he is not poor, but his enthusiasm is gone." This is The New York Sun's introduction of a citation which it makes from n interview in The Boston Post with eneral Draper-by the by the Wher of our esteemed townsman, Mr. J. Draper and himself an occasion-

al visitor to Charlotte, where he is well and most pleasantly known to a number of our people. But to the quotation from the interview: In reply to your inquiry as to whether I have bolted Mr. Taft's nomination I can larity of what is known as the say I have never been committed to it, I do not believe in the so-called Roosevelt

being conservative by nature. I am not any county where the local authorities interested in the success of either party at the coming election. I have the high-est respect for Mr. Taft as a man, but I do not agree with his political views."

While the parties are in a sense lined.

Undoubtedly Gen. Draper speaks not for himself alone but for a multithe North and East. All of them "have the highest respect for Mr. se somebody else's man-that is a different matter. Upon his own individuality he would be universally trusted; but on all occasions he goes out of his way to proclaim himself a mere cuckoo. In the last speech he made he was at pains to declare that if elected he would regard it as his mission to "clinch" the Roosevelt "policies." If the country has not enough of these we are at a loss to cies" of bluster and spectacularism have brought anything but evil we would be obliged if some one would tell us what. It is no matter of surprise that the "enthusiasm" of Gen Draper and his likes, of all Republicans who like him are "conservative the figures at more than their value. by nature," "is gone." There is nothing in common between such men and the cowboy vote, to which the President's methods appeal powerfully, and which will of course go unanimously for his heir apparent. who seems to desire no distinction for himself but only to be known as exactly like his sponsor,

PALSE HOPES, WITH VAIN RE-GRETS TO FOLLOW.

The New York Sun is not one of listen with credulity to every whisper wind telling that this or that State of the South is going Republican in November. It notes "with interest the various speculations and imaginings of different great Republican manipulators with reference to a possible dislocation of the solid South," but is not deceived thereby. "Several "have been projected, but the one which finds greatest favor, or at least Roosevelt Commissioner of Internal to do. Revenue at Washington." Considering the Republican claims as to this tle in any of the situations mentioned something in one or all of them, but sees "little promise of a break beyond merely "the usual and inevitable cam-palga froth." This is reliable, nomination.

Mr. Bryan's questions; return, which has always been accurate, will show just how much he has. His personal property assessment last year was as follows:

was as follows:

"'One cow, \$40; one watch, \$35; piano, \$300; diamonds and jewelry, \$354; moneys, \$2,500; credits, \$10,600; household and office furniture, \$1,500; total, \$15,115."

"From this it is clear enough that, despite Mr. Cannon's assertion, the assessment ment does not tell the whole truth. Much of his property must be in untaxable-form; for he is reputed in Danville to be worth between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000. Though mere common report proves sath-ing, no one in Danville believes that \$15, 115 is all the personal wealth that Mr. Cannon boasts. The matter is not of tre-

mendous importance, except as a sharp reminder to Mr. Cannon that he is living Speaker of the House of Representahimself as well as about other things. and it is manifest that he has not told the truth about the amount of his was on the stand several hours. wealth. If he has a "modest competency" for his family he is worth more than \$15,000 for the interest on that at 6 per cent, is but \$900 a year, a sum not sufficient to support a family in a town of the size of Danville,

Ill. His neighbors hit nearer the mark than he does when they tell that he is worth \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000. What has he been selling, to whom "We take it that General William has he sold it, and how much did he Franklin Draper, of Massachusetts, a get for it? The question will not good soldier, an extraordinary suc- down and cannot be disposed of by utterance of the after-thought that a Representative in Congress and am- in talking about Bryan's earnings he bassador to Italy in Mr. McKinley's was only a-joking. Truth is the old

MAINE'S VOTE TO-DAY.

and it will be in a large sense a nonpolitical affair. National politics ple, the Democrats favoring re-submission and the repeal of the farcical substitution for it of a local option system: the Republicans standing by better of the argument and have an additional advantage in the unpopu-"Sturgls law," which authorizes the I have the high- are not enforcing prohibition, which While the parties are in a sense lined sue to-day is local option against State prohibition and upon that issue employe. The term 'We don't patron-Democrats. We have strong hope, for which there is good reason, that ed by counsel to differentiate bethe Democrats will be successful, this tween the two expressions as used in hope being not only on political ground but springing from a desire to see them win on the issue on which the contest turns; but Democrats at large should not be overloved if it is a Democratic victory or if the Republicans succeed by a majority greatly reduced from the normal. construing the result as significant of the voting in November or as Indicative of the trend of political thought in the country, for in no event will the way, a political expression. It is not amiss, therefore, to warn our political friends not to set too much store by the returns to-night or to appraise

> THE INFLUENCE OF EXAMPLE. The importance of letting your light shine before men is beautifully illustrated by the fact that Joe Bailey, a buil calf of Navarro, Texas, is be-

ing raffled for the banefit of the Cause, and by the other fact that at Texas City "R. B. Smith, breeder of thoroughbred poultry, donates a fine White Plymouth Rock cockerel to be sold to the highest bidder, the proceeds of same to go to the Bryan these fool Republican papers which campaign fund." The New York Sun takes prompt knowledge of these things, and, always swift to do justice trumpets the plain truth that "the Democratic Gander donated to the The Observer, "and kept and auctioned at great expense by Deacon Hemphill, of Charleston, S. C., was the bright beginning of a series of similar dozens of talented hypotheses," it says, dedications." Thus it is seen The strument in the hands of Providence most indulgent audience, relates to of inaugurating a plan of procuring North Carolina, and if not invented contributions which has caused even has at least been fathered by the Hon. the tight wads of Texas to loosen up John G. Capers, of South Carolina, at a little, and it is so proud of itself present and by grace of Theodore accordingly that it doesn't know what

We do not think it admits of a State, as also those relating to Vir- doubt that since the national convensinia and Georgia, The Sun sees "lit- tions Bryan has gained strength steadily and Taft as steadily lost. beyond the usual and inevitable So intelligent an observer as Walter campaign froth. There may be Wellman, the well-known correspondent of The Chicago Record-Herald, it is not at present visible to the independent Republican, says that at naked eye, and with the exception of this time Mr. Taft can count as cer-Maryland and possibly Kentucky" it tain only eighty-four electoral votes -these in the States of Maine, Mas- to-day. the Potomac and the Ohio," The sachusetts, Michigan, New Hamp-Sun's vision is accurate and it is wise shire, Pennsylvania, Utah, Vermont Labor's Part in Bay State Politics not to build up hopes which can end and Wyoming. Bryan has more sure only in disappointment. Maryland votes in the South than these States a more apt to go Republican than afford. Of course Taft will secure Democratic; Kentucky more apt to go more States than those above enuceratio than Republican. Both merated but he will have to fight for are close. There is not the slightest the others, and the fact that Mr. likelihood of a "dislocation" cisc- Wellman concedes but eighty-four where in the South. Contrary talk is votes to him now indicates how strong

A negro was lynched last week at The New York Evening Post thus Oxford, Miss, for cutting a white woinalyzes Speaker Cannon's reply to man's throat, and the mob was led by one W. V. Sullivan, who was a Mr. Bryan's questions:

"Speaker Cannon now sees that in raising the question of Mr. Bryan's wealth he blundered seriously. He finds it hard to answer Mr. Bryan's questions: What has he been selling? To whom has he sold it? How much did he get for it? Mr. Cannon, who prides himself on being blunt and outspoken, is driven to a weak and evasive returt. My statement regarding Mr. Bryan's possible wealth was intended as humor. * * What I have is just a modest competency for my family. Mr. Cannon added that his tax return, which has always been accurate. and it would have been to his ad-vantage to remain in obscurity. But, P. L. Murphy has two interesting darsuch is the swashbuckler. He insists upon the limelight, oblivious of the

in His Own Behalf-Gompers Also Gives Evidence.

Washington, Sept. 13 .- John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers, who, with President Gompers and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, is charged with contempt of court in tives should tell the truth about a the injunction case against the offipersonal issue which he has raised cials for boycotting the Bucks Stove and Range Company, testified in his own defense to-day before Albert Harper, examiner. Mr. Gompers also

> Mr. Mitchell, although subjected to severe test by Daniel Davenport, of counsel for the complainants, was calm and collected throughout. once did his composure seem to leave him and that was when his suggestion that J. W. Van Cleave, of the stove company, had raised one and one half million dollars to disrupt organized labor, invited a heated protest Attorney Davenport. The latter asserted that the idea that such a fund was raised originated in the heated imagination of labor enthusiasts.

> Mr. Mitchell was plainly annoyed by this rejoinder, but did not evince it in words. Jackson H. Ralston, of counsel for the federation, however, read from the testimony in the original sult Mr. Van Cleave's statement that in three years he had obtained one and one half million dollars for "educational purposes, pure and sim-

Much of Mr. Mitchell's testimony related to his movements leading up "unfair list" and imposing a tle. fine of \$5 on any member buying the product of the concern. Mr. Mitchell said he took no part in drafting the resolution, nor did he have any knowledge of the subsequent distribution of the resolution among the 300,000 mine workers of the country. 'For years I have been followed about the country by detectives." Mr. Mitchell testified in commenting on Davenport's knowledge of his move

"A greater familiarity about

movements than I have myself

shows it was acquired in this manner.

ments.

I think Mr. Van Cleave is responsible Samuel Compers, in his testimony, characterized Mr. Van Cleave's course against him as "an attempt to sassinate my character." He said he did not know that the publication of the stove company's name in The Federationist was in violation of an order which had not then become ep-"The word 'unfair' is notic of a difference between employer and many Republicans will vote with the ize is a statement of fact and does not affect the business of an employexplained the witness, when ask

> the executive council's report. The hearing was adjourned until Thursday next.

> Fell Dead at His Flancees's Feet. New York Special, 11th, to Richmond

> Times-Dispatch. Winfield Tucker, the New York millionaire who died at Lake Toxaon Saturday in the presence of his bride-elect. Miss Marie Manning Lowe, the Southern beauty, was buried to-day.

and Mrs. Moffett, of Richmond, Va.: Mr. and Mrs. William A. Byrd, of Chattanooga, sister of Miss Lowe, were among the guests of Mr. motoring through North Carolina toward Baltimore, where the wedding was to occur. Overtaken by a storm, they stopped at Fairfield Inn. While sitting in the lobby of the inn Mr. Tucker fell dead at the feet of Miss Lowe.

Miss Lowe claims Mr. Tucker made a will recently, and she proposes to fight for his estate, claiming she was promised and told the will provided

Election To-Day in Arkansas, With Liquor Question to the Front.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 13.—At the general election to be held in this State to-morrow, State, congressional an dtownship officers' ed and the question determined as to whether liquor license shall continue to be issued in the present "wet" countles of the State. While but little interest is manifested in the contest for the different offices because of the fact that the Democrats largely outnumber the voters of the other parties, great interest is felt in the vote as to prohibition. At present prohibition and anti-prohibition forces claim they will be victorious to-mor-The campaign has been the most spirited in the history of the the final demonstration of the prohibition forces here being inter-rupted last night, when three promnent ministers and others participatin a parade were egged. The fight is centred in this city.

Forest Fires Cease to Be a Menace. Manifest to Irish People. Duluth, Minn., Sept. 13.-Clouds and an absence of wind gave the Mesaba range a day of quiet to-day and the forest fires reased to be a menace. No rain has fallen and the situation will be threatening until moisture puts an end to the smouldering fires and makes the forest less like tinder. Grand Marais on the north shore of Lake Superior is thought to be safe rom further invasion by the flames owing to backfires around the town.

drews, State fire warden, Chief John T. Black, of the Duluth fire department, to day sent 40 men to the scene of the worst forest fire above Grand Marais. At Grand Rapids and Cohassett, which were the centre of the fire on the Mesaba range Saturday, so fires were reported

Under orders from General C. G. An-

Boston, Sept. 13.—The part organized labor in Massachusetts is to take in the political campaign was outlined to-day at a meeting of the executive board of the officers of the State branch, American

Tales of the Town and the Times BY RED BUCK

kies at her home—Lizzie and he mother, Phoebe—the one walts on the upon the limelight, oblivious of the fact that the better he is known the more he is execrated.

MITCHELL ON THE STAND.

Former President of Mine Workers
Testifies Before Examiner Harper in Itis Own Echalf—Gompars Λiso

"What are you going to do with the Turk?" I inquired. "He's for Izzie—present for Izzie," was the reply. Two more loyal companions never lived. Happy, congenial and full of love for each other are Miss Betty

and Lizzie. On arriving at Lonepine some time ago, I sat down in a cool hall to read of O. Henry's delightful yarns On the front porch the ladies of the house were busying themselves with the latest bit of social news and in the kitchen Phoebe, Lizzle and Betty were cooking and conversing on va-

THE LORD AND PRAYER. "Ef you ain't gwine to pray wid de erit it ain't no use to pray," declarsperit it ain't no use to pray," declar-ed Aunt Phoebe. "De Lawd don't hear ne half-way prayers. Ef you don't pray you can't look fur de Lawd to hep you when you git in a tight place.

Aunt Phoebe is one of those rare creatures that Southern people like to call "old-time darkies." She's simple, faithful and religious. I learned to like her on account of her clear-ringfar-reaching, untamed which can be heard throughout the house when she lets it out. Beside being a very likable person Phoebe is an accomplished cook, and, therefore, valuable as well as interesting.

While I sat there, reading, I gleaned a good many things. Aunt Phoebe was in a talking mood. Her audience was composed of the two children and

Winky Boy, the cat. related to his movements leading up to the mine workers' convention in pany fur supper," said Aunt Phoebe, January last, when a resolution was adopted placing the steere agency of the steere and the same said a adopted placing the stove company Murphy foaming over to de horspis-

> At first I could not "foaming" but soon I was wise. Two-At first I could not tumble to thirds of the darkles say: foam," for "telephone." Late in the afternoon, during a light sprinkle of rain, the Murphy

me was startled by cries of one in distress. "Lawd help me!" rent the air. "Lawd have mercy on me!

"Comie here, mister, come quick! It's a snake or a spider!" This information came like the loads out of a rapid fire gun. I ran to the window and looked out. The darky stood in the path near the wood house, with her skirt lifted high shouting at the top of her lungs. A SNAKE IN THE WOOD HOUSE. "Quick, mister, it's a snake or a spi-

I grabbed up my hat and ran to her a dark, dirty brown, larger than the

AND TENNESSEE CLAIMS POLK.

Another State, Like South Carolina, Tries to Rob North Carolin of a Great Man and President of the United States—A Most Unfilial Daughter,

To the Editor of The Observer: You have been a faithful sentinel

in watching those heartless South Carolinians who are trying to rob the late lamented Andrew Jackson of the great honor of having been born in the old colonial County of Mecklenburg. It is true that Andrew himself once humored the joke about his being from the Palmetto State, for he called the denizens of that benighted region "fellow-citizens of my native State" when he was trying to make them guit their nullification foolish-Yet what would have been the ness. horror and chagrin of the hero of New Orleans had he known that his good-natured flattery would ever be taken seriously?

But, Mr. Editor, you are watching South Carolina too closely, and stand crowing over a fallen adversary, utterly oblivious to the fact that another State is now to be reckoned with. Yes, sir, "risk one eye" on Tennessee, for this daughter of North Carolina now speaks out in meeting and avers that she is the "native State" of James K. Polk! This proclamation of ownership is made by a Nashville paper, The Confederate Veteran in its issue for September. That periodical speaks of a negro preacher who changed his name to James K., Polk, because (as the edi tor says) the old darky was "proud of Tennessee and sought to honor-her only native President." Now did you ever hear the like of that! While you were watching South Carolina to keep her from robbing one Mecklenburger of his greatest honor— being born a Tar Heel—here we have evidence that another State is trying to take a similar liberty with James K. Polk. Well might the shades of these departed great ones exclaim:

Who brands me on the forehead, breaks my sword, Or lays the bloody scourage upon my

back. Wrongs me not half so much as he who shuts The gates of honor on me-keeping out The Roman fro mhis birthright."

Polk was not so smart as Jackson, for the former moved away from North Carolina, while (as you once stated) Jackson was legislated into Tennessee without having his preferences consulted. But both were nice gentlemen and good Democrats, and it is a shame that they are not left in the quiet enjoyment of their natural honors.

M. D'LANCEY HAYWOOD. Raleigh, Sept. 12th, 1908.

The Third Crop of Peaches This Year, Forest City Herald.

There is a peach tree in J. B. Long's yard that is a curiosity: Some men might well pattern after the peculiarities of this tree, inasmuch as it keeps busy and attends strictly to business. This tree is now bearing its third crop of fruit this season. The fruit of the first and second crops were very large and perfect, the fruit of third is small, but of very fine flavor, while the seed resembles that of the plum.

Knew Beforehand.

Durham Herald. Federation of Labor, its legislative committee and the members of a special committee.

The représentative adopted resolutions supporting the attitude of President Samuel Gompers and the executive council of the tederation on national politics.

Dipham Herald.

Certainly the Independence party récognized the South in making up its ticket, but it was very much like the Republicans in this State putting up a business man for Governor. They knew beforehand where he would land.

I told 'em about it! I knowed dere'd be snakes in dere. Dey'r crawiin' everywhere. Yes, he's right in dereon de wood. I heered him rattle-it's a rattier. Ef i hadn't said my prayers last night I'd heen dead by now. Lawd, how weak I is!"

I got a stick and stepped in the wood house door.

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'Look out, child, dat thing 'll hurt you! It's right on da wood. Thank Gawd, thank Gawd, dat I ain't dead!!"

"Keep quiet now, Aunty, and tell me where to find the critter." I said.

'Look right dare—on de wood, right where I put my han': an' though de goodness uy de Lawd I's not bit, or kilt. Hoopes, honey, you don't ketch dis nigger goin' in dere no mo'. No, de Lawd won't be good to you ef you keep on bein' a fool. Dat's de hammer! He says He will take care uy His people, but I know He gits tired uy doin' it after He done warn 'em.

"Ef dey never gits nothin' to eat I ain't gwine back in dere.

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"New look befo' you step, child, dat thing might slip down de fio'. Be careful."

THE VIPER IS LOCATED. I stole quietly to the wood piled against the rear wall of the little oneagainst the rear wall of the little oneroomed house, looking everywhere as
I went. In my hand I carried a
spade. I did not have long to look,
for coiled upon the wood, about the
centre of the pile, was a snake, a
pilot, ready to strike. At the sight
of the small neck and the diamondshaped head I drew back, having been taught that such marks were indicative of deadly poison. Having looked at the viper, in his beautiful curls, I lifted my wespon and brought it down on his body. My aim was good but the wood gave way and the snake slid down between the wood and the wall.

"Lawd have mercy on me!" shouted hoebe. "De snake's gone." Gone he was. For an hour I pulled down wood with a garden hoe, trying to locate the reptile, and finally succeeded, but before I could get a lick at him he was off again. I had lick at him he was off again. I had to give up the hunt but I had seen enough blood on the wood to make me believe that I had given a mortal

Aunt Phoebe stood outside, where she could see all around and make sure that no crawling thing could get at her, and moaned "Ef you don't git dat snake I'll never go in the yard agin," declared the cook. "No mo' walkin' fur

By this time everybody at Lone pine was excited. The thought of a snake being in the neighborhood made the occupants of the hill shiver with

Arthur, Phoebe's husband, appeared on the scene before dark and took up the search for the pilot. I joined him, and soon we had him on the run; he came my way and I cracked his head.

"It's a male pilot," said Arthur. "and there's a mate here somewhere."
The snake was light colored and velvety. He had evidently been in the building for some weeks. The next afternoon, when getting an arm-ful of wood Arthur found the mate.

STRUCK BY MOTORCYCLE.

Mecklenburg Lad Visiting in Winstor Suffers Injury by Being Run Over. The following from The Winston Salem Journal is connecting a little fellow from this county who is visit-

> ing in the Twin City. "Master Robert King, a little boy from Mecklenburg county, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Leak, was struck by a motorcycle ridden by Mr. E. W. Dort yesterday about noon and knocked to the ground. The

accident occurred in front of Mr. Henry Leak's home on Fourth street. receiving a large-lump on his head and being otherwise scarred. He was reported last night as resting easily. "It is reported that the little boy was all empting to cross Fourth street at the rear of a wagon when Mr. Dort on his motorcycle sped by, striking him and knocking him viclently to the ground. Neither the lad

nor Mr. Dort saw the other. "It is claimed that Mr. Dort never even stopped to see how badly the youngster was hurt, but continued at a fast rate of speed. He declares, however, that he was coasting slowly down the grade when the mishan oc curred and stopped at once and asked the little boy about his injuries. Mr Dort says Robert told him he was not hurt much."

Englishman Tells Workmen to Go Into Politics.

New York, Sept. 13.—Keir Hardie, one of the leading representatives of labor in the British Parliament, was applauded during his address before the Central Federated Union this afternoon, when he urged American workmen to go into politics.

"In England," he said, "we found we were equally neglected after the election, whether we helped Conservative or Liberal with our votes and then we sent direct representatives.

then we sent direct representatives into Parliament with many good re-

A reference to the presidential can-didacy of Eugene V. Debs on the So-cialistic ticket also brought applause, and Mr. Hardie told his hearers that they should find a way, as had been Socialism. "Soon then," he added, "the issue

in your campaign will not be free trade nor protection, nor the trusts, but labor versus wealth, and to that it is bound to come i nthe end."

The Correct Genealogy of Fred Paulding.
To the Editor of The Observer:

I notice in to-day's issue a state-ment in regard to Fred Paulding ment in regard to Fred Paulding which is somewhat erroneous. If you think the correction worth making, here it is. Fred Paulding's father, Col. Richard Irving Dodge, was the son of Mr. Richard Dodge, a Northern man and nephew of Washington Irving—hence the name. His mother, however, was a Southern woman, Miss Susan Williams, of Surry county, N. C. Governor Glenn's mother was, before her marriage Miss Annie Dodge and is Fred Paulding's aunt.

This is probably one of several corrections that will reach you, but knowing The Observer's love of accuracy I send this even at the risk of being monotonous.

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