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RUTHERFORD AND CHINA GROVE.

The North Carolina Democracy is coming nobly to the aid of the party. The Observer received yesterday from Mr. H. B. Simmons, of Rutherford, \$13; representing contributions of citizens of his town to the Bryan campaign fund, with the expression of the hope that "the contribution will get in time to be of some service to the Democratic cause." The contributors and amounts were:

Table listing names and amounts of contributors to the Democratic cause, including M. O. Dickerson, C. W. Tanner, M. L. Justice, etc.

Yesterday's mail brought also from Mr. C. J. Young, president of the China Grove board of trade, a check for \$21, contributed to the national campaign fund by a few of the Democrats here, as follows:

Table listing names and amounts of contributors to the national campaign fund, including F. M. Thompson, W. J. Swink, M. L. Gillon, etc.

Both of these towns have done well. The Observer thanks them and awaits further offerings eagerly.

ATTENTION TO THE EIGHTH.

It was gratifying to be able to print in our Raleigh special yesterday that "during the last two weeks of the campaign the Democratic State committee will put a number of the strongest campaigners in the eighth district, which is recognized as a close district and where there is a big fight on." There would be no wisdom in trying to conceal the fact that the contest in the eighth district is a close one. It is the one really doubtful district in the State. The Democrats can carry it and should not lose it. The issue concerns not them alone but is of general interest and may be of far-reaching consequence. There is an excellent prospect of Democratic control of the lower house of the next Congress, which it is important for many reasons to achieve, for none more than that it would sound the requiem of the unrepentable Cannon. This hope should buoy every Democrat and inspire party managers everywhere—nowhere more than in North Carolina. This State should not fail to contribute its full quota of representation to the object so much desired; and in view of the fact above suggested that the eighth district is close and doubtful it is particularly pleasing to learn that the State committee is to give it special attention. We have all sorts of faith in the voters of the district; the boys in the trenches will bend special energy, we believe, to secure the return of Representative Hackett, but outside recognition and aid will count for much and that they are to have these is good news.

Judge Taft is not holding up particularly well, physically speaking, under the strain of the campaign; and The New York Sun, Republican, contemplating his possible breakdown, remarks: "If spent nature were to call a halt and Mr. Taft were to break down, the responsibility of doing the heavy work for the Republican ticket would fall upon the Hon. James Schoolcraft Sherman, the candidate for Vice President. Mr. Sherman is neither a magnet nor a spell-binder, and by his flippant partisan speeches he is repelling and not convincing undecided voters." It is true. Sunny Jim is not half as effective on the stump as Old Whiskers.

The New York City building code revision commission tentatively proposes a restriction in the heights of future structures, making 350 feet the limit for those on parks or plazas, and 300 feet the limit otherwise, except that height must not exceed 125 feet where streets are less than forty-five feet wide. If Manhattan Island is to remain fit for human habitation some such action should not be much longer delayed.

President Roosevelt tells Senator Hammon that he "does not think it necessary to speak for Taft." It is at least certain that every speech not delivered by President Roosevelt will be worth a goodly sum in Wall Street contributions toward the election of Mr. Taft.

THE CONSUMPTIVE INSANE.

The reader noticed in the Raleigh correspondence of the Observer of Thursday and yesterday that the State Hospital Commission at its meeting at Raleigh Wednesday night "made the necessary orders for two new buildings for consumptives at the Western Hospital at Morganton," meaning the State Hospital there; that "one of the buildings will be for males and the other for females and to them will be sent all the patients of this type from every part of the State;" that "it is felt that this is a very admirable step to take" and that "there is a number of tuberculous patients in the Hospital here [Raleigh] and these will be transferred to that at Morganton."

It is profitable, in this connection, to refer to the act of the Legislature—chapter 191 of the laws of 1907—creating the Hospital Commission and to note its limitations. It is observed that by Section 3 its duties are specified, thus: (a) It is authorized to purchase lands as it may deem necessary for the Hospitals at Raleigh, Morganton and Goldsboro; (b) It may purchase lands in other sections of the State; (c) Upon the lands so purchased, or upon the lands now owned by said Hospital, it shall cause to be erected, equipped and furnished such additional buildings, provide water, heat and light, either upon the colony or cottage plan, for the care and accommodation of all mental defectives, including epileptics and idiots; (d) It is authorized to make repairs and additions to present institutions as may be necessary for the economical and humane management.

In other words it was to be a building committee, authorized by the Legislature and appointed by the Governor, empowered to buy lands and put up houses to be used in caring for the mental defectives of the State. Nowhere in the act is given authority to order the admission of any class of patients to any Hospital or to swap any class from one institution to another. It is now proposed to build quarters at Morganton and unload all the consumptive insane of the State upon that institution. We shall be surprised if its authorities do not protest. The Hospital Commission should know (it must pardon us for saying so; we do not mean to be discourteous; that by authority of an act of the Legislature a ward for female consumptives has already been built at Morganton and is now occupied, all the consumptive female patients who fall within the bacteriological test having been transferred to it; that this institution has a legislative appropriation to build a similar ward for men and that it does not need any further appropriation for that purpose. What it does urgently need is a building for 100 men; its request for the modest sum of \$30,000 with which to provide this has been denied, and it is proposed, instead, to make it the dumping ground for the State's consumptives when it has already provided and is in the way of providing for all of its own, and this independent of any action of the Hospital Commission. It looks like a purpose to punish.

We ask the people of the west, in the light of all the facts, if their insane have had a square deal?

WAR-TALKING LITTLE SERVA.

Servians as a people have never been especially noted for intelligence, but they will hardly be so idiotic as to let resentment at Austria-Hungary's action in formally annexing Bosnia and Herzegovina lead them into declaring war. The annexation deals with a fact practically accomplished long ago, and Servian objections rest upon nothing more substantial than a natural reluctance to see provinces containing many people Servian in blood and language become integral parts of another nationality. It need hardly be said that the annexed provinces are vastly better off in union with Austria-Hungary than if fused with the turbulent and half-civilized little kingdom to the southeast. Servian interference would have little basis of right as distinguished from might. And that might, against Austria-Hungary, Servia, of course, signally lacks. By bombarding Balgrada from the Danube river, which divides the two countries, Austro-Hungarian gunboats and monitors could immediately compel sober second thoughts. The chief real interest of the situation is that it imperils King Peter's already precarious seat on his blood-stained throne. Whether or not he yields to present popular clamor, the result must almost certainly involve the weakening of his position. And if his dynasty perishes by the sword which slew its rival, or suffers banishment, there will be no great occasion for sympathy.

Col. Watterson said in his Louisville speech Thursday night, in reference to the denial of Son-in-Law Nick that he had proposed, in his speech at Rock Island, Ill., a return to Roosevelt after eight years of Taft. "Nicholas Longworth, the President's son-in-law, says he did not say it. But five thousand listeners say he did. The notes of two stenographers say he did." We were not advertent to these facts. Is Nicholas also among the liars? Has he established title to membership in the Ananias Club? Has the vice of prevarication invaded even the royal family?

With the pennant races in major baseball leagues at a close and football interest not yet at high tide, the presidential contest in its humble way will help keep fallacies at a distance.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S GOLDEN GAG.

Comprehending that to restore prosperity to the Republican campaign fund is rather more urgent a duty, in the view of the managers, than to restore it to the country, The New York Evening Post gets at the leading cause of the White House's suddenly restored good behavior; "The party managers learned in 1904," observes The Evening Post, "what a fine talent for raising money the President has, and they are calling upon him to make use of it again this year. They can hardly hope that he will be able to deceive Mr. Harrison again; and he cannot once more take the money of insurance companies, which should have gone to the benefit of widows and orphans. But there are some things he can do to put the Republican treasury in funds, and these, it is reported, he is entirely willing to undertake. The first and most difficult task laid upon him he has already begun—to leave off his violent letter-writing. We presume he was told, what we are credibly informed was the fact, that prominent and rich Republicans absolutely refused to give a cent, so long as Mr. Roosevelt was, as they expressed it, 'jumping on our necks three times a week.' Hence the grateful silence of the past week—silence which is, in a double sense, golden."

We really have no doubt that Mr. Roosevelt hushed up more on this account than any other. For the same reason, he may remain of the stump. The "malefactors of great wealth" are doubtless coming across now pretty much as usual. And how about the Democratic campaign treasury and its unquestioned needs? That is up to the people.

The Macon Telegraph thinks that the joke on the Omaha Bee for confusing tariff planks of party platforms is the best of the campaign thus far. No one has exposed the clap net of the Republican tariff declaration better than the Omaha organ unwittingly did. But just wait until election night or the next day. If the present trend continues the greatest joke of the campaign will be sprung then, and it will be sprung on the Republicans.

WILL RETIRE COLONEL STEWART

Result of the Investigation by Retiring Board Not Made Public, But It is Understood in Washington That the Findings Were Against Army Officer.

Washington, Oct. 9.—The army retiring board which has been investigating the condition of the health of Col. William F. Stewart, the so-called Fort Grant "exile," concluded its work to-day and while the result was not officially made public, it is quite well understood that the board found Colonel Stewart to be so seriously afflicted with valvular disease of the heart as to incapacitate him for active service in the army. The finding which has been agreed upon will be reported to the Secretary of War to-morrow and it is considered probable that Colonel Stewart's retirement by the President will follow. If not retired Colonel Stewart would still have more than four years of active service, and as he is one of the oldest officers of the artillery corps, his friends contend that he would stand a good chance of reaching the grade of brigadier general. If retired he will receive three-fourths of his regular pay, or about \$400 per month.

Before the board took the subject in executive session to-day it heard a somewhat detailed statement by Colonel Stewart relative to his record in the army, and also listened to brief arguments by Colonel Stewart's counsel and Recorder Howland, who spoke for the service. Colonel Stewart was not permitted to go outside his medical record and when his attorney made an effort to elicit from him the circumstances under which he had been transferred from Fort Barancas, Fla., to Fort Grant, Ariz., Captain Howland interposed positive objection, in which he was sustained. Colonel Stewart said he had had back rides of from 20 to 35 miles a day for many years past until his removal to Fort Grant a year ago. He found at Fort Grant only one horse and as that animal was a cripple he was deprived of the opportunity for exercise. While at Fort Grant, however, he had substituted walking for riding and had generally thus covered from 8 to 14 miles a day. He had never felt any ill effects from either walking or riding and up to a month ago he had received no warning from any physician against these forms of exercise, notwithstanding he had for 15 years been under the care of an army surgeon. He said that he had known ever since 1874 that his heart was affected, but that he had paid no attention to the fact. Colonel Stewart stated that he had been in the service for almost 40 years and added that there were only four officers having a longer record.

PIEDMONT FAIR CLOSING.

In Every Way Winslow-Salem Had a Successful Show—Charlotte Man's Victory in Racing Event.

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Oct. 9.—The great Piedmont Fair came to a close to-night, having exceeded even the expectations of its best friends, in point of attendance and success. The fine manner in which the fair was conducted is the subject of much comment, and the crowd was pleased with the exhibits and the lay-out of the grounds, and building and race track bids fair to become a famous one, according to visiting horsemen, some of whom say it is the finest half-mile track in the South. The quality of the animals was very high, several stables belonging to residents North Carolina.

No victory was more popular than that achieved by Mr. W. H. Ross, of Charlotte, with his 4-year-old mare, The Queen, which Mr. Ross purchased from Mr. P. H. Hanson, a well-known business man whose hobby is horses and whose farm near this city is a model one. The Queen won her racing event with the greatest ease, really logging in with Mr. Ross driving, holding her back with might and main. The horse show, which was set for this afternoon, was postponed on account of heavy rain, which prevented the races were canceled on account of the muddy track. Ideal weather otherwise prevailed during the fair.

DEATH OF DR. CALDWELL.

WELL-KNOWN PHYSICIAN DIES.

Dr. John Edward Caldwell, Only Brother of Mrs. Sarah Caldwell White, of This City, Dies After a Brief Illness With Incipient Pneumonia at His Home Near Caldwell Station—A Man of Liberal Education, Which He Enjoyed and Which Added Much to His Life—Member of the Presbyterian Church—Funeral Service This Morning at Caldwell Station—Funeral Service This Morning at Caldwell Station.

Dr. John Edward Caldwell, a member of a distinguished family of Mecklenburg, died at an early hour yesterday morning at his home near Caldwell station after a brief illness with incipient pneumonia, aged 63 years. The attack which came over him was at first believed to be a congestive chill, but physicians later discovered that he was stricken with pneumonia, seriousness being added to his case by complications.

The body was brought to the city last night and taken to the home of Mrs. Sarah Caldwell White, his only immediate survivor, at the corner of East Seventh and North Bevard streets, where the funeral services will be conducted this morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. Dr. W. M. Kincaid, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The interment will be in Elmwood, the following named acting as pall-bearers: Messrs. George E. Wilson, F. I. Osborne, F. B. McDowell, F. Hutchison, H. M. Edwards, E. E. Steele, W. W. Phifer, George V. Phifer, A. L. Smith and Dr. Baxter Moore.

AN EDUCATED GENTLEMAN.

Dr. Caldwell was gifted by nature and by cultivation. He was prepared for specific work in life by a broad education at Davidson College, which his father was a trustee for a long number of years. He had the advantage in his boyhood days of the distinctly able teaching of the late Prof. E. W. Faucett, at the old home-born College, and both by his elementary and college schooling, he became eminently prepared to take up studies for a definite profession in life. Dr. Caldwell, at the close of the war, went to New York to enter the medical department of the University of New York and was graduated from this institution. With his diploma, which in his case stood for efficiency in an aptitude in his completed studies, he returned to his native country to settle for the practice of his profession among the people of early associations. As a physician he was successful and skillful, and as a practitioner he served his people with a man of unswerving integrity and high moral character. He gave himself with joy to the physical betterment of his home people, and during the sufferings which only come to the physician who casts his lot in the country. He knew the privations and toils which come to those of his kind, but withal, he knew the other side of living. Among the scenes of nature he ran his natural course.

A MAN OF QUIET HABITS.

Dr. Caldwell was one who loved the quiet and seclusion of the country. Being amid the scenes which the years made familiar to him. For a long time he had been afflicted with deafness and his physical infirmity had the effect of confining him more and more to his own home and depriving him more and more of the fellowships of life. His education not only succeeded in pushing him forward in the world, but it likewise increased his joy in living. He was a man of unswerving integrity and high moral character. He gave himself with joy to the physical betterment of his home people, and during the sufferings which only come to the physician who casts his lot in the country. He knew the privations and toils which come to those of his kind, but withal, he knew the other side of living. Among the scenes of nature he ran his natural course.

MEMBER OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

For a long number of years the deceased was a communicant of the Presbyterian Church, in which he had been a member since his early years. He was a member of the church when that solemnized last Sunday afternoon when for the last time he was in the company of his surviving sister, when she was a partaker on her sick bed of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, administered by Dr. Kincaid, of the First Presbyterian church. His devotion to Mrs. White was tireless. Many have been the times he made the drive through the country to bring her to his home, where for more than a year she has been confined to her room by reason of paralysis. And in turn, her devotion to him was an evidence of one of the most beautiful traits with which a human character is endowed.

RESOLUTIONS.

Adopted by Board of Directors of School House and Deaf and Dumb at Meeting in Reference to Death of W. G. Lewis. The following resolutions were adopted by the board of directors of the school for the deaf and dumb at Morganton at a meeting held in Morganton October 8th, 1908: Whereas, God in His inscrutable wisdom has seen fit to remove from earth our friend and brother, W. G. Lewis, president of our board; therefore, be it Resolved, That we are grieved by the board of directors of the North Carolina School for the Deaf and Dumb, in session assembled: First, That we bow in humble submission to the will and wisdom of that Divine hand which took from us one who has ever proved true to the sacred interests entrusted to his keeping by the State of North Carolina; who has "reared four square to all the winds that blow" in the fearless discharge of every duty arising from his connection with this school; whose advice and counsel have helped us as often as his genial and kindly presence has cheered us in our meetings; and that we feel that our own personal bereavement is small compared to the State's loss in Mr. Lewis' death.

Second, That to his bereaved family we tender in this affliction the assurance of our sympathy and tears, and our prayer is that He who has promised to be a Father to the fatherless and a Husband to the widow, will bind up their broken hearts and comfort them in this trial, and show them the silver linings of this cloud. Third, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the family of the deceased, to the State papers for publication, and be spread upon the minutes of the proceedings of this board.

A. C. MILLER, Chairman. W. R. WHITSON, ARCHIBALD JOHNSON, Committee.

The furniture and fixtures for the new Bank of North Carolina are being placed in position. The doors will open for business the 29th inst.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Mr. Bevard Harris, of Concord, Elected Moderator of Sessions at Popular Tent—Three Young Ministers of the City, Dies After a Brief Illness With Incipient Pneumonia at His Home Near Caldwell Station—A Man of Liberal Education, Which He Enjoyed and Which Added Much to His Life—Member of the Presbyterian Church—Funeral Service This Morning at Caldwell Station—Funeral Service This Morning at Caldwell Station.

Davidson, Oct. 8.—The meeting of Concord Presbytery in Popular Tent church, Cabarrus county, from Tuesday morning till Thursday afternoon was the first time Presbytery has convened in that church for about forty years. Both by reason of his own personal worth and no doubt in recognition of an ancestral name and the family's connection with this old country church, Mr. Bevard Harris, of Concord, was elected moderator. Revs. E. D. Brown and W. E. Wilson were made temporary clerks. Rev. John W. Lafferty being stated clerk. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Walsh, a son of Mecklenburg and of Charlotte, who was the retiring moderator.

Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Dr. T. W. Linzie, a son of Thysaria church and therefore of Concord Presbytery, was introduced anew to his brethren and made a most favorable impression by his address on Davidson College, in whose interest he is now going out among the churches as a financial agent. Tuesday night, as apart especially for a consideration of foreign missions, was a special feature of the session a most instructive address by Rev. Dr. Painter, who discussed some features of the work in China.

Wednesday night was devoted to home missions and the Presbytery heard with special interest and pleasure a talk by Rev. Edgar Tutts, head of the girls' school at Banner's Elk. The report from the evangelistic campaign during the summer months was heard with much gratification, the results from the special meetings being a very substantial gain in membership to the churches and a general uplift and healthier tone in the spiritual life of the congregations. The day was favored with these meetings.

Three young men were received under the care of Presbytery—Mr. T. C. Hallen, of Davidson College church, who comes from Morrisville, Tenn.; Messrs. E. Fleming and S. E. Lyster, from Third Creek Unity, all three being students of Davidson. The Presbytery ordained to the full work of the ministry Licentiate McLaughlin, now at Mooreville, and made provision for his installation. Other ministers received into the Presbytery were: Revs. Dr. T. W. Linzie, Davidson; J. G. Garth, Hickory; E. F. Bradley, Mocksville; W. J. Seay, Montreat, who will supply Secret, Montreat, who will supply Old Fort and Slocum.

The call from Davidson College church was placed in the hands of Rev. Dr. C. M. Richards, after earnest presentation of the claims of Davidson and its installation. The next meeting, in the spring of 1909, will be held at Mooreville.

PRESBYTERY'S SESSIONS CLOSE.

Meeting in Spring Will Be at Norwood in Sturdy Church—Last Day Taken Up With Routine Matters.

Special to The Observer. Cornelius, Oct. 9.—The fall meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, which has been in session at Bethel church, near Davidson, Tuesday night, closed this afternoon. Most of the day was given to routine work and the presentation of reports. The most interesting of these reports was that on the state of religion in the churches within the bounds of the Presbytery, this report bringing out some instructive facts and evoking suitable comment.

The appointment of committees and the naming of trustees for various institutions under the control of this ecclesiastical body was another matter occupying a portion of to-day's session.

About 2:30 p. m. adjournment was reached. The spring meeting will be held at Bethel church, near Davidson, in the month of May.

The visiting Presbyterians that have gathered here and in the surrounding country for the past few days have had a fine opportunity to see in what a prosperous condition this part of Mecklenburg is. The Town of Cornelius, itself a growth of recent years, is a striking evidence of industrial progress in North Carolina. A few years ago the place had but few houses and but one mill. Now it has several large manufacturing plants, a number of stores, bank, large public school building, several churches and many other marks and monuments of substantial development and passage into a well-defined town whose future is bright. The Presbyterians here, recently finished a large handsome and well-arranged manse, beautifully painted, that will tempt almost any minister who is attracted by a good home to accept a call in this inviting field, consisting of the town and Bethel congregations. A new and neat brick church on the same lot with this new manse is the thing first in order so soon as a minister shall occupy this new home. Rev. Dr. Sentelle has served as supply to the churches during the summer and early fall and to his faithful and abounding labors, supported by the liberality of these people of the two churches and of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the new manse owes its existence. As one drives from the town to Bethel church, macadam roads, cotton gins, sawmills, with fields all proclaim a prosperous people.

HENDERSON SOCIAL HAPPENINGS.

Special to The Observer. Henderson, Oct. 10.—Recently there have been several social gatherings which have afforded the young people of the town much pleasure. Tuesday Mrs. D. Y. Cooper threw open the doors of her elegant home at 1 o'clock p. m. to her numerous friends in honor of her niece, Miss Mary Elizabeth Chavasse, who is the pretty bride-elect of Mr. Walter Wallace Phelps, of Concord. Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Philip Thomas entertained at cards. The guests of honor of the occasion was Mrs. Anderson Davis, who is an early autumn bride. Mrs. Thomas was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Lex Davis, and Miss Virginia Roberts and Mrs. W. A. Manly.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. John Hill Tucker entertained a large company of friends at cards. Mrs. Tucker proved to be a most charming young hostess. Mrs. Randall Page of Florida, and Miss Waddill, of Carthage, were visitors.

SEVEN YEARS OF PROOF.

"I have had seven years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best medicine to take for coughs and colds and for every diseased condition of throat, chest or lungs," says W. V. Henry, of Panama, Mo. The world has had thirty-eight years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and colds, grippe, asthma, hay fever, bronchitis, hemorrhage of the lungs, and the early stages of consumption. It is the only medicine that prevents the development of pneumonia. Send your guarantee at W. L. Hand & Co.'s Drug Store, 66 and 68, 120 Total bottle free.

The Little Long Co. DOLL SALE CONTINUES

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But that man had on one of our Black Oil Suits, or Motorman's Oil Coat, and an Oil Hat. It's the only garment made that will keep you perfectly dry. It's specially good for Coal Men, Ice Men, Draymen, or any one who must be out in all kinds of weather. For the man on the ice wagon, coal wagon or dray, or for any kind of working man, the Coat and Pants is the thing. Price for both... \$3.50 For the motorman on the front of the car, in rain all day long, the regular Motorman's extra long Coat is just the thing. Price... \$3.50 Then the hat is good for either. Prices 50c., 75c.

Great \$1.00 Umbrella

Every one guaranteed. It looks good, is good and wears good. Plain wood handles, and the money is in the cover. Sizes 26 and 28-inch, for Men or Women.

New Rubbers

Came yesterday, just in time for the rain, Men's, Women's and Children's, and you can leave the price to us—it's right.

Doll Sale Continued To-Day

We would have sold every one, we believe, had it not rained. Get the little girl a Doll now. They are dirt cheap—less than half price. Think for 59c. you get Dolls that sold up to \$1.50, and for 89c. Dolls that sold up to \$2.50.

Merchants' Hat Snap

Closing out our entire wholesale Hat and Cap stock at 1-4 off. Buy these and sell them for what your neighbors paid and you'll make 33-1-3 per cent.

The Little Long Co.