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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1908.

BRYAN AND TAFT IN THIS STATE. It is of peculiar interest and sig- ers, and we favor maintaining the nificance that Mr. Bryan's majority present army, or, rather, skeleton for over Mr. Taft in North Carolina in an army, in some sort of numerical the recent election, according to the relation to the growth of the counfindings of the State board of elections, printed elsewhere this morning. for wild talk about billion-dollar is only 22.843, a falling off of nearly fifty per cent. from the Democratic pared to lick the earth. majority of four years ago. In 1904 Judge Parker's majority in the State States, notwithstanding the great over Roosevelt was 41,679. What is wealth which might under different even more significant is the fact that circumstances present strong temptathe total vote for President cast in the tion, constitute for any important na-State in 1904 was 206,563, while this tion about the most undesirable antagyear the total vote was 251,011, an onist to be found anywhere. Primarincrease of nearly fifty thousand ily, of course, this is due to the counvotes, all of which and more, were try's geographical position, separated cast for the Republican candidate. In by an ocean on each side from the 1906 the total vote cast for President armed nations of Europe and the in the State was 292,669, and Mr. armed nation of Asia. A navy of Bryan's majority was 24,671. In the very mederate size would afford asrecent election Mr. Kitchin ran 14,499 surance against the infliction of irvotes ahead of Bryan.

the loss of three Congressmen, are creasing effectiveness, to bear. full of instruction for the Democratic party. Whether or not the lesson will advantage of insular position. And be taken to heart is another matter.

A TIMELY WARNING.

It was an excellent communication on the reign of lawlessness that Mr. Jonathan Peele, Senator-elect from Scotland, wrote for vesterday's Observer. The disregard of law in the South, in our own State along with the others, is something appalling. men great numerical strength and nat-Mr. Peele's statement that the law as to challenges in capital cases works great inequality, giving the defendant undue advantage over the State. the inherently efficient peoples of is correct, and in the cause of justice this law should be amended by the Legislature at its coming session. It makes escape from the consequences structure which can be turned on no easy and is thus agement to its commission. In addition to this, all those who believe in the observance of law and the administration of justice should cry aloud and spare not. Of late it seems to have come to be regarded in North Carolina that all offences except liquor-selling are venial. Murder has ceased to attract much attention unless the victim is "prominent," as all Georgia victims are, but the' blind tiger is a culprit to be pursued relentlessly and punished mercilessly, while the weightier matters are in large part overlooked or the punishment allotted, if there be any at all, is insufficient, to our scandal as a people and to the peril of society. Mr. Peele has put his finger on the spot and regard should be given his words.

COLD BUCKETFUL ON OUR JINGO. With the United States government reaching an amicable agreement in treaty form with Japan, the Hon. to scare up some new enemy or else subside as a professional jingo. As inspired him: formidable enemies for the United States are scarce and hard to find, there is excellent prospect of relief from his outcries. He can now do little more than proclaim the need of this country going armed to the teeth against the world in general.

No one who rationally argues for a strong national armament will find his position controverted by us. Recent events in southeastern Europe must have made it clear to all who are not wilfully and incurably blind that the most solemn pledges between nations cannot long possess unquestioned validity except as armed power stands behind them. Those events, indeed, have given the whole peace cause a setback and led the smaller nations of Europe, like Holland and Belgium, to look with peculiar anxousness to their defences. Any nation whose wealth or territory presents a tempting field for attack must be on its guard even where balances of power operate as a protection. The predatory instinct is still alive; the millennium continues far distant. Poor eld China should alone furnish a sufficient object-lesson of this nature. We do not think it wise for the United States ever to drop below third place among naval powtry. But we see no earthly occasion naval appropriations or going pre-

It is simple fact that the United retrievable defeat before the national The figures, taken in connection with resources were brought, with in-We enjoy, multiplied manyfold, England's the national resources behind our outer line of defence or offence are equaled nowhere else in the world. Modern war hinges upon men, machinery and provisions-the second and third no less vitally essential than the first. In machinery (by speedy conversion when necessary) and provisions we are already ahead and in ural aptitude would go far to overcome the deficiencies of hasty training in the earlier stages of a war. We, western Europe transplanted to a vast continental area of limitless resources, have built up an industrial

NEAR-POETRY IN NEW YORK. William S. Brasch, convicted wifemurderer, was to have been electrocuted at Auburn, N. Y., several days Richmond P. Hobson will either have ago, but the muses came to his aid. Here are the verses with which they

> "Forward in the strength of youth, With the infinite arm of truth, And win the glorious crown. For it is ours to mustly own, By ours lawful birthright, of minds conspicuous in sight, sing as sexless.

Then onward in the volume of the gifted, In which so many have swifted. And have reached and accomplished their act. And now remains just one true fact,

They took up the golden fountain pen fame, And just genteely signed their own

DBID.

Shown this production, State Commissioner of Lunacy Ferris, acting for Governor Hughes, respited the poet. Yesterday proved fatal, but until then it was very doubtful whether the execution would ever take place.

We marvel to find that in the immediate literary jurisdiction of The New York Sun near-poetry is so much without henor as this proceeding would indicate. Evidently the more barbarous portion of the population has never even heard of it. Commissioner of Lunacy Ferris, in particular can not once have fallen under the spell of near-song as loftily exemplified here and there throughout the country. The fame of this school, to which Brasch manifestly belongs, must as yet lis beyond the intellectual range of the average uncultivated near-sensitive, might well prefer unlimely death in the electric chair to such cruel misconstruction. Very likely the cause of his killing his wife was that she criticized his poetry. The standard of literary education and appreciation in New York State

sadly needs to be raised.

BEAR CAUSED CONSTERNATION.

Negroes Gathered at Ohurch For Wedding Ceremony Absquatulate When White Bear Comes Ambling in to Be a Spectator—Bride and Groom Take Lodging Under the Church. pecial to The Observer

Goldsboro, Nov. 28 .- A wedding out,

ceremony of unusual occurrence was ed that the officiating minister was ready to perform the ceremony that would make them man and wife. Gathering around the altar the wedding party announced themselves as ready the ceremony to proceed. The preacher was in the act of opening his Bible to commence the ceremony when to his surprise one of the guests who was sitting to the left of the altar, and not very far from a window.

here abouts. At this juncture a scream was heard



REPUBLICANIZING THE SOUTH." LAW AGAINST NEPTOISM

Mr. Z. V. Walser Thinks Taft Will Carry on Roosevelt's Work. Washington Herald.

"The election of Judge Taft has given great satisfaction in North Carolina to people of all parties," said Judge Zeb Vance Walser, former Attorney General of that State, at the Raleigh yesterday afternoon. "esecially to the Democrats who did not vote for him but prayed that he might e elected. "All lines of business as a result of

his election are booming. In my town of Lexington a new \$250,000 cotabout to be built. Judge ton mill is Taft's tour of our State did great We-by that I mean the Regood. ublicans-increased our vote from 82,000 in 1904 to about 115,000. North Carolina is naturally Republican anyhow, and the manifestation of friendliness on the part of Judge Taft has set the tide strongly our way. I would not be surprised to see Easterner. The near-singer, if at all a member of the Cabinet selected from

our State. You see, we elected three Congressmen. We hope to elect five or six two years hence and carry the State. North Carolina was an old Whig State, and our people have always, in the main, believed in protec-The recognition of the South

continued Judge Walser, "at the councli table of the President would be a death blow to the traditions of Southern Democracy and the 'solid South. Judge Taft was surprised at the im-

mense enthusiasm all along the journey through the State. He could hardly have expected it. At my home town, Lexington, where I introduced him, everybody came out to hear and see him. Business men, regardless of party affiliations, closed their mills, shops, and business houses, so their

operatives and employes could turn "L believe Judge Taft will carry performed last night, the parties be-ing colored, and at one period it seem. ed as if the bridal couple would have South. He is personally popular with to put their wedding off to a future all classes of our people, more so, I date. The scene was at a little church think than Mr. Bryan. It was these about three miles east of Goldsboro, elements of personal popularity in near a small colored settlement. All our section that caused Senator Butler the invited guests had arrived and and myself to suggest to Judge Taft were waiting for the bridsl couple to and President Roosevelt two years

make their appearance, which was not ago the idea of Judge Taft going to a very long delay, as the couple soon Greensboro to make an address be-arrived; and after receiving the con-fore the State convention. President gratulations of the "gold old broth- Roosevelt heartily concurred in the crs and sisters," it was then announc- idea."

> PREACHER ROASTS GOVERNOR. Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, De-

nounced From the Pulpit as a Drunkard, Gambier and Libertine Who Should Be Impeached.

Murfreesboro, Tenn., Dispatch, 25th altar, and not very far from a win-fow, was seen to make a sudden live for the window and so far noth-at has been heard to indian oth-

Mr. Moss delivered what has been characterized as a "political sermon." At this juncture a scream was heard from the front of the church, and son and The American. It is said

ernor should be impeached.

streets, and his critics are not by any

means all political friends of Gover-

Elder Moss has only been in Mur-

freesboro a short time, having re-cently accepted the pastorate of the

church.

nor Patterson.

Christian church.

Bill Calling For Such in Regnet State Institutions to Be Introdu in Legislature. To the Editor of The Observer:

I note that the leading editorial in to-day's Raleigh News and Observer is entitled "Tolerate No Nepotism." This in substance is the advice given to the Democratio administration of Nebraska. But how about North Carolina? The writer was told by the head of a leading State institution in North Carolina only a few months ago that he was troubled by nepotism on the part of the board of directors of the institution in charge of which he had been placed, and that he wished to get rid of these people. This information was volunteered the course of remarks endorsing the following resolution passed by the North Carolina Association of the Deaf in convention at Raleigh last August:

"Resolved. That it is the opinion of this association that it should be unlawful for any board of directors of any State institution to elect to office employment in the institution of which they have charge any relative by blood or marriage to any member of the board or of the superintendent.

This resolution was adopted because of the criticism so general of the management of the North Carolina School for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton for practicing nepotism. At one time no less than four out of seven members of the board had from one to three relatives employed in the school. One had two sons and a nephew, one a neice and a nephew, one a daughter and another a daughter employed and a son entered as a pupil who had no right under the law to be there. These are instances of which I have personal knowledge. have heard rumors of others. propose to ask for the introduction of a bill in the next Legislature carying out the idea expressed in the above resolution and I shall rejoice to have the support of The Observer and of The News and Observer and other papers to secure its passage. ROBERT S. TAYLOR,

Secretary North Carolina Association of the Deaf. Mount Olive, Nov. 26th.

ANTIDOTE FOR PESSIMISM.

uthor of Verses of "Thanksgiving" Accused of Having a Grouch Against Everybody and Everything -Trench's Poem as Relief. To the Editor of The Observer:

The author of the verses on "Thanksgiving," which appeared on the editorial page of The Observer on Thanksgiving Day, seems to have a grouch against everybody and everything if his rhymes are to be taken seriously, and I suppose, from the very intensity of his expression, that he intended them to be so. Perhaps, if he read the editorial in the same 6110 The Observer wherein the ditor shows that we should be thankful not so much for what the Creator has done for us as for what He has nor Patterson is a drunkard, a liber-tine, a gambler, and that he acceptnot done to us according to our deserts he has already become softened ed and used \$10,000 paid him as a and feels that he has something to be thankful for. Supposing this to expressed the opinion that the Govbe true, and hoping to help along A number of persons showed disapthe good work, I submit the followproval of his utterances by leaving the ing poem by Richard Chevenix Trench as an antidote for that pes-Elder Moss is being strongly con-emned and criticised by men on the verses referred to: the demned and criticised by men on the



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A HELPFUL MEETING.

Much benefit must result from the forestry conference at Biltmore last week, which was promoted by Dr. C. A. Schenck, the forester of the Biltmore estate and a recognized authority on the subject. The regret is that the attendance from North Carolina was not larger. The object which the meeting was intended to promote is one of prime importance. It is a characteristic of human nature that it is little appreciative of those gifts of God which are necessary to our existence and which are showered upon us in profusion, until the menace of their exhaustion threatens. Providence endowed North Carolina richly in forestry and by reckless waste we see the supply decline, but the situation has not yet become so acute as to have aroused our people as a whole to the necessity for conserving it. We are so accustomed to it as never to have properly valued it, but it is hoped that an influence which will be valuable will go out from this Biltmore conference. To even direct the public mind to the subject is of account.

With a fine State and county pride series of postcards of the Battle of Revolution, fought between the patriot Regulators and the British, May 16th, 1771, and of the monument at Burlington which commemoates the event. The card showing the battle is from the scene as it appears in Ellis' History of Our Country and from the original drawing of J. Steeple Davis. The cards are ining and their issuance does tit to the patriotic spirit of Mr.

In view of the fast that an agree-ment to respect the territorial rights of each other has been arrived at be-tween the United Sister and Japan it is hoped libst Capt, Richmond Peara Hobson will not pull off his war

notice into a war machine of almost inconceivable power. Our territorial immensity would of itself render effective occupation by an enemy impossible. In the end the enemy, or any combination of enemies within the range of possibility, would, it appears certain, be worn down to the point of repentance. The temporary conquest of American insular possessions might take place without affecting the final outcome.

Last, but perhaps most important of all as a deterrent to attack by any important power or powers, is the place which the United States occupy in the industrial economy of the world. While Europe is not so dependent upon us for foodstuffs as it was before the grain lands of Canada and Argentina were opened, it is still dependent in no small degree, and in the matter of cotton for its spindles its dependence is extreme. Close

American ports to cotton exports and, as in England during our civil war, distressing conditions would prevail in all the great industrial countries of Europe-those countries which have come to draw their living in large part from our soll. In some countries the conditions created by a great American war with any country whatsoever might lead to social revolution. Japan, barely staving off financial collapse now, would lose in us not only an increasingly important source of raw material but her best customer. For any conquest-seeking nation this country is, we repeat, the most undesirable antagonist on the face of the earth.

By all means let's have a strong and efficient navy, but a navy along world-licking lines would simply be an enormously expensive superfluity. We trust that the understanding with Japan will operate as at least a temporary suppression of the noisiest American jingo.

Jeems Woodward is drawing the issue sharply between the plain-people Mr. Erwin A. Holt, of Burlington, drunk who disports himself on the Alamance county, has gotten out a street and gets pulled by the cops and the aristocratic drunk who holds alamance, the first battle of the forth in clubs and othersplaces where cops molest not. Jeems, belonging to the first class, calls for its support in his third mayoralty race against what he resents as the attacks of the second class. Atlanta is torn between the contending factions and it does not yet appear what the result will be.

> It appears from the Independence than they did at first. The fire companies did good work at both outbreaks. The danger was a great at times. A considerable scare took place this moroling when As-sistant Chief A. N. Johnson fell into the basement with the ruins of the fire and could not be located. The party's statement that gross receipts for the campaign were \$42,502.70, of which \$42,295 originated in the pock-

Chairman Hitchcock earned his

met the old parson's gaze was the head and shoulders of a large white bear coming through the doorway. By this time the whole church was in an uproar and everybody was either making for the back door or going through the windows, and in less than two minutes the bear had the whole church to himself. In a few minutes the owner of the brute, who traveled around with him to make a living, arrived on the scene and took the animal away with him, the bear hav-ing wandered away while he was sleeping, after a long day's walk through the country.

One of the guests who had been little braver than the others had remained on the scene, and when the owner of the bear had passed out of sight, after searching for awhile, found the bride and groom under the hurch, and after assuring them that the bear was no longer near, at last persuaded them to come out from their place of concealment, and after earching for quite awhile the preachor was found and after a few neces-about the tax problem. I have a plan any delays the ceremony was at lass fifteen or twenty years old which is in performed and the wedded couple short this: A division of all taxable went their way rejoicing.

ANOTHER FIRE IN DURHAM.

covered by insurance.

responded at once and put

an unseen place.

purposes on all things that now are or that may bereafter become taxable, except real estate, including the poll tax, railroads, Trakas' Candy Store on Main Street porations, banks and all kinds of Ruined by Blaze of Unknown personal property, at any rate that is Origin, the Loss Being About \$10,necessary. If any is left turn it over to the public school fund. Let the counties

Special to The Observer. tax land and all real estate for county Durham, Nov. 28 .- The city suf- purposes and public schools, county imed a second fire this morning about provement bonds, etc. Then each county o'clock in which the Trakes caudy could more effectually value the lands ctory and fruit store was a com- more uniformily and fair. One county This blaze originated could value without any regard to the plete wreck. the basement and Joesn't appear value in any other county, the rate to be to have had any connection with the whatever is necessary; the cilies to make assessments for city purposes by their destroyed Holladay's Studio, arose in the second story of that building and rate to be as the cities may vote, as the second story of that building and never came lower down. Trakas re-ceived some water damage but no fire from that blaze. The Office Art and Supply Company, the tailoring business of L. B. Markham, the Dur-ham cigar store, the wall nearest ham cigar store, the wall papering business of E. J. Long and the office of Dr. W. W. Olive received some Mocksville, Nov. 26th.

Depot at Windsor Destroyed by Fire. slight damages. The total loss will be about \$12,000 there and nearly Special to The Observer,

Windsor, Nov. 28 .- This morning The second fire was discovered about 5 o'clock the alarm of fire was shortly after 1 this morning with given and within an hour nothing of man went away, seemingly restored great clouds of smoke issuing from the depot remained but the smoking in peace of mind. panles standards. No one knows how the four fire originated, but it is evident that The fire companies standards.

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responded at once as soon as they had a spot upon which to turn their hose. In a short while the sleepers under the Trakas place had burned through and the beautiful tile floor for more than twenty source feet was much injury done the main under the Trakas place had burned incompleted between the seautiful tile floor for more than twenty square feet dropped down. The refreshment side was utterly wrecked, the soda foun-tain was ruined and the stock of goods about destroyed. His loss will be perhaps \$10,000 in building and be has \$5,500 insur-coulnment and he has \$5,500 insur-

be perhaps \$10,000 in building and equipment and he has \$5,500 insur-ance on the stock. The store room was otherwise done up and will re-quire many weeks to repair it for the trade of the holidays. The Trakas Bros, will go in business again and will probably build better than they did at first. Willie: Charlotte, N. C. Teacher: Why, what does Charlotte manufacture ? Willie: History.

Help Frons Afar.

Post. Mayor Woodward, of Atlanta to be consoled and encouraged assurance that he is receivin

the basement with the ruins of the fire and could not be located. The water was nine feet deep and Chief Maddry was on the point of jumping in when the young fellow came-out langting. A colored man also fell

Some murmur, when their sky is clean And wholly bright to view, f but one speck of cloud appear In their great heaven of blue. And some with thankful love are filled, It but one ray of light. One beam of God's good mercy, gild The darkness of their night.

As Mr. Charles Would Solve the Tax Problem. To the Editor of The Observer: I have been reading in The Observer about the tax problem. I have a plan fifteen or twenty years old which is in short this: A division of all taxable Mr. Charles Would Solve the Tax In palaces are hearts that ask. In discontent and pride, Why life is such a dreary task, And all good things denied: While hearts in poorest huts admire That love has in their aid, Love that not ever seems to tire, Such rich provision made." -W. J. PRAT -W. J. PRATT. property. Let the State collect for State

Monroe, November 28th, 1908.

PREVENTED A SUICIDE.

Desperate Young Man Took Advice of Auntle at Passenger Static

pecial to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Nov. 28.-"Auni Belle," the sonorous-voiced matron and train caller at the union passenger station here, believes she saved an unidentified white man from self-destruction this morning. man told her he intended to commit suicide, for he was tired of living, Aunt Belle stoutly reproached for his words and bade him to pray for enlightenment before he commit ted the rash deed.

Seemingly impressed, the man borrowed two matches from the portly matron and walked away to an anteroom. There he was discovered on his knees by Station Agent Jackson, who had been told by the matron of the man's talk. The visitor, upon being spoken to by Mr. Jackson, arose and went to Aunt Belle, saying, have done as you told me; and feel better now." Then he and th Then he and the woman sang a hymn together and the

Well Employed.

Macon Telegraph. The Charlotte Observer "respectful The Charlotts Observer "respectful-ly declines to be interested for the present in The Future of the Demo-cratic Party." which in the subject of so many editorials just now." The Observer, however, is well employed, for it says it "is addressing its thought to the things that are calcu-lated to make Charlotte grow and is trying to do something for North Carolina, which it loves better than it does the national Democratic party or all the rest of the world."

to The Observer.

High Point, Nov. 13.—One of tost successful rabbit hunts of ear was pulled off Thanksgiving

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