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WITH THE POLITICAL ORPHANS. distinct classes, and hence this con-Carolina Republican party's wrecked the "tourist toucher." The alligahopes is given by The Dobson News, tor must be exterminated and the President Taft played havoc when he consequent profits of the "tourist can party, or at any rate the Repub- a means of food supply for the other lioan party of the eastern district, dass must be abandoned. which contains honored ex-judges, has As we have said, the hog raiser won no man fitted "for the lowest position in the Federal Judiciary system, waging nercely in the Senate. It is United States commissioners and con- hog against tourist, with the first declared that "no well-informed man the alligator continues to take life can consider a district Federal judge. easy, enjoying his sun and mud bath ship, even with its larger salary and on the banks of the river, unconscious life-time tenure, a place of one-half of the State-wide contest over the as much concern, or affecting in any- question of continuance of his life of thing like an equal manner the lives. ease or his extermination which has liberties, rights and property of our its storm centre at the capital. people, as the position of a Superior Court judge of our State courts." To- THE COUNTRY'S FIRE WASTE. ward President Taft "the attitude of sorrew, of regret instead of resent- his annual report. There is one subment." tions

Debson News:

The Florida Legislature has been of Representatives settled the ques- across the South Carolina line. A

subject.

introduction of a bill in the House al- cal outcry: lowing alligators to be killed along "Judge William H. Taft, our chieftain the Ooklawoha river. Heretofore, the On the 22d will visit our City by the Sea. .30 saurians have had the protection of the law. They were allowed to live for the amusement of the winter tourists. It was against the law to kill them. Alligators are very fond of

hog meat. They prefer it to any oththis fostering of the alligator has tended to interfere with pork raising who claimed that the winter visitors from the North were a better stock in trade for the natives than their hogs; that more money could be made off them and that as the alligator was

one of the chief attractions to that class, the natives would lose more by destroying this attraction than they would gain through saving the porkers from their ever rapacious enemies

The trouble is, the hog raiser and the man who makes his living off the

tourists is not one and the same per-In fact the followers of these BOD two callings down in Florida form two A mournful view of the North test. It is between the hog raiser and declared, in effect, that the Republi- toucher" wiped out or hog raising as

out in the House and the battle is

The president of the National Board North Carolina Republicans is that of of Underwriters has recently issued Desire to question Judge ject discussed in that report to which Conner's fine qualities is expressly dis- we wish to call special attention. It claimed. Nearly four compact col- is that of the fire waste in this coununns are filled with these lamenta- try. The report shows that the ordinary annual loss by fire amounts The deep and rankling grievance of to two hundred million dollars, and North Carolina Republicans as a this does not include exceptional and body arises in equal parts from the largely preventable fires, such as that disgrace and the blight administered in San Francisco. For the first three to party prospects thereby. Says The months of the present year the loss reached fifty-three million dollars-

"The pathetic feature of the whole matter is its effect on the growth and de-velopinent of the Republican party in North Carrotina. The people of the State have grown tired of the blinded and bigoted rule of the Demouratic party, which has maintained itself in effice ant power, not by merit, but by handering to

THEIR PRE-EMINENCE SECURE. The still-echoing notes with which wrestling for some time with the ques- a North Carolina near-poet recently tion which are of greater benefit to welcomed President Tatt have, as was the State, hogs or tourists. The House to be expected, caused an envious stir

tion so far as it is concerned in favor South Carolina near-post is pushed of the hogs, and the Senate is now forward by The Columbia State for trying to make up its mind on the purposes of comparison. When President-elect Taft visited Charleston last The contest has arisen through the fall the occasion inspired this lyri-

Then let us extend a welcome so warm That our statesman whi feel completely at home.

Let bygone days be east aside, And welcome our hero with hearts open wide."

The near-poet here is Maurice Cox. Like some other South Carolina nearer food, the pup and the pickaninny poets, he seems to sing as magnifinot excepted. The consequence is cently as a North Carolina near-poet until a North Carolina near-poet be by: We re-introduce for a moment by the natives. But there were some Poet Stutts, of Alamance county, who filled our columns with music some

davs ago: "Should we not feel very great For this and Taft to visit our State? Raise your banners high in air: Three cheers, boys, we'd see Taft there!

"Many from Alamance will be sent To meet our much-loved President. Hurrah for Alamance, and Taft so grand Give him a hearty shake of the band. "We are not disposed to boast about things South Carolinian," says

this South Carolina organ with conscious insincerity, "but we should like to direct the attention of The North Carolina Observer to this random verse or two, for example." And then follows Poet Cox's really near-meritorlous melody about the white man ruling in his elegant grace and the colored man conforming to his secondary place-a melody which makes an excellent impression until some North Carolina flutist like Poet Stutts is heard in the same vicinity.

The Observer's efforts to inspire in its readers admiring appreciation for the best near-poetry have been wasted if any special defence of North Carosular courts alone excepted." It is round in favor of the former, while the song against this South Caroha challenge is to-day necessary.

> In making reference to the appointment of Judge Connor to the Federal judgeship. The Charleston News and Courier says that "the only North Carolina Republican [Mr. James T. Williams] appointed to a considerable office by Mr. Taft was 'raised' of facts it concludes "without indulging in flattery of the South Carolina Republicans, it is fair to say that they seem to be superior to the North Carolina article." Rather, it would seem that in the estimation of the President there is greater superiority in North Carolina Democrats over the Republicans of this State than there is in the Democrats of South Carolina over the members of the Republican party there.

> The building of public roads by the unemployed has the endorsement of President Taft, says an exchange, Mr. Taft will finfid that in this part of the country, especially in those sections

NOTES OF THE CELEBRATION

Special mention should have any peared of the float entered by the Cole Manufacturing Company. R consisted of an elegant exhibit of the - 32 several machines manufactured by this enterprising and well-known concern.

The names of Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Harris should have appeared among those honored with se eats at the board on the occasion of the dinner given by the central committee in honor of the President Thursday evening.

Miss Carrie Louise Davidson, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Davidson, was the winner of the second prize for the best decorated double team in the parade Thursday This young lady's name did not appear in full yesterday morning, owing to the dropping of one of the lines in the story of The Observer.

The central committee of the celebration which was bonded to return the United States flags to Washington unharmed is beginning to think a partial forfeiture will be necessary view of the fact that a number of the larger flags have been badly used by the elements. The mixture of rain and wind was too much for some of them and they suffered bad tears.

Little Miss Helen Lethco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Lethco, secured the first prize for the prettiest pony It was decorated with yellow cart. butterflies. In the list of names of those who rode on the colonial float, the names of Misses Hazeline Thomas and Isabel Beall, also the two pages, little Miss Mary Brevard Alexander and Master James Graham, should have appeared.

A citizen calls attention to the fact that the papers missed observing the snow that fell Thursday during the heavy downpour of rain. This is not so unnatural, after all, in view of the fact that so many other things more important were being looked af-He is certain, however, that ter. snow did fall during the downpour and bonds himself to the extent of his words that the statement is accurate.

The confettl battles were never more flercely fought in the city than during the first two days and nights of the celebration. The streets were literally thronged with young people engaged in throwing the stuff at the other folks. During one of the engagements, a colored damsel, dressed "to kill," was strutting up the in South Carolina." From this state street and somebody emptied a bag of confetti down her back. "Oh, mercy," she exclaimed, "why did you throw that confederacy on me.

> Osmond L. Barringer was about Mr. the only man in the city who was prepared for the deluge that characterized Thursday's celebration. But the day before he had received a consignment of 17 row boats and one gasoline launch for service this summer on the pond at Lakeview Park Several times during the day he was almost persuaded to put out the South Tryon street last night. launch. It could have operated with out trouble along several streets.

but the presence of

'harlotte was the centrepiece' executed by Mr L. P. Riccy, chef of the close of the fine procession of milli Selwyn, for the President's dining tary, civic and floral parts, one of the where the vagrancy law is enforced. Thursday night. It was an elegant affair. with h

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of the parade Thursday.

available spaces.

course has been widely commented upon and the liberal spirit displayed

has been very much complimented in

view of the fact that so many seats

The work of tearing down the vari-

us displays of illumination and dec-

oration of other sorts was barely be-

gun yesterday, the weather being so

unfit for outdoor work. In this con-

nection, it might be well to insert

the suggestion of a well-known citi-

zen who advises that as much as pos-

sible of the decorations be allowed

to remain on the buildings until af-

ter the North Carolina Bankers' Con-

vention in this city next week. This

applies particularly to the electric dis-

plays. As to the ornate national col-

ors which have been so prominent on

in that neighborhood were sold.

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The rain Thursday interfered with nany plans which had been devised for the Prealdent's pleasure. One was a trip about the city in order that he might see something of industrial Charlotte, Mr. Stuart W. Cramer was to have this in hand, using his ele gant White runabout for the purpose In order that nothing might be wenting, Mr. Cramer, through the kind offices of Mr. Osmond L. Barringer, had a monster Model M 7-passenger White car brought here from Atlanta, Ga., for the purpose of providing the necessary escort of citizens and secret service men on the trip. As it was, the big car could be used only to carry the President from the Auditorium out to Biddle and return, a figing trip.

Thurslay's rain was something awful, the precipitation being more than three and one-half inches. Yesterday the Catawba and all tributary streams were out of their banks and raging like mad. The river was 15 feet high. One of the results was the tying-up of a number of automobiles which had made the trip through the country to harlotte from neighboring towns for the celebration. It is estimated that there were a dozen or more cars here yesterday unable to get away. Mr. James Williamson, of Burlington, has his machine here and also

Messrs. Henry, of Asheville, and Lambeth, of Thomasville. and gentlemen from Cheraw, S. C., Messrs. Malloy and DuVal, of Cheraw, were forced to leave their cars at Monroe and make the trip by rail.

The souvenir paper weight fashioned by Mr. Carl Bentheim at the instance of the descendants of the signers for presentation to President Taft on the occasion of his visit to Charlotte was formally given into the hands of the nation's chief execu tive Thursday evening by Maj. W. A. Graham. State Commissioner of Agriculture, himself a descendant. In re ply to Maj. Graham's few words, the President, holding the beautiful token in his hand, said:

"I thank you and I am glad that the face wears the smile that won't wear off." Whereupon he bowed and the select company present smilingly retired. The manner as well as the words were most cordial.

Mr. Richard Weightman, of Washington, editorial writer on The New York Sun, is a visitor in the city, th guest of Mr. J. P. Caldwell, editor of The Observer, and Mr. D. A. Tompkins, at the Selwyn. Mr. Weightman did not come for the celebration, artiving yesterday morning, but for i social visit. He is a Louislanian by birth and a veteran of the war be tween the States. For years he was chief editorial writer on The Washington Post prior to his connection with The Sun and is esteemed one of the most able and influentie! writers at the national capital. He will return to Washington this evening. Yesterday, Mr. Tompkins entertained few friends at lunch at the Selwyn in his honor and Mr. Caldwell gave a dinner for him at his home

The fact that the electric current had been cut off of the wires on South One of the handsomest specimens Tryon street during the passing of the of the culinary art ever exhibited in parade probably saved the lives of an unlimited number of people. Near the floats came in contact with one of the overhead electric light



Success was coming-in fact was in sight. In the last campaign we redeemed three congressional districts, where we had not one before. Our people redeemed where hopeful and enthusiastic, our op-penents gloomy and despendent. Triable to defend the record of their party on its merits, they were compelled to con-

its merits, they were compelled to con-duct a campaign, based upon the unfil-ness of our pairly to assume the govern-ment of the State. "And what man is there among us, whe of all our brilliant politicians and campaigners, can answer the argument of our Republican President, the head of our party in the nation? * * When the campaign comes this will be the closen of Democracy and none other than of Democracy and none other than Republican President will have furnished it with a watch word and battle cry graveside of our butchered prospects. It is bad enough, it is exasperating enough. is bad enough, it is exasperating enough, to have had the Democratic party charge but to have a Republican President find that charge as a fact, is a condition which ought to make every patriotic Republican in the State hang his head in hame and sorrow, if he believes it, to his face the red blood of rightindignation if he disbelieves it.

This Republican organ also has a story to tell. "Whether the story is true or not," we read, "the means of knowing are not now at hand, but one thing is certain and that is, it is currently accepted as so and generally belleved in North Carolina Republican political circles, and those sgainst whom it is alleged owe it to themselves, if it be untrue to deny it at once, and if true to resign any official connection they may have with ed and to whose doors they have brought so much ignominy." In substance this allegation is that certain it therefore deserves some attention. tion? Ordinarily Southern Republicanism accepts the decree of the Great Father Mr. Z. V. Whitehead, editor of The and going out he saw a hawk soaring

News speaks as one among a good lina Congressmen. many volces. Perhats the Republi-

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power, not by merit, but by pandering to passion and appealing to prejudice. In the Republican political horizon of North Carolina the Star of Hope had risen and the Bow of Promise sent forth its beams value of property destroyed does not value of property destroyed does not represent the entire fire loss. In addition to the immense destruction of buildings and their contents there must be added the interruption to traffic, the suspension of business and the stoppage of wages, all of which. added to the actual loss by fire, will greatly increase the figures above

glven While the fire waste question has in recent years attracted the attention of insurance experts and legislators, and they have tried to remedy the exto cheer it on to victory, and be used isting evil, and have done so to a as a requiem, or funeral hymn, at the great extent, the heavy losses which continue show that there is still much eastern part of the State, the Republi-the waste of property by fire. That able of filling even the Faderal are there is still and of filling even the Federal offices, there is still such great loss shows there is some defect somewherewhether in the manner of construction of buildings, carelessness of the occupants of the buildings or defect in the laws enacted for the protection

of insurance companies and property owners we are not prepared to say. Those are questions which should be studied by insurance experts and by our legislators. That a lamentable abouts be known in plenty of time for condition exists cannot be denied, and the next Democratic national convenit is equally certain that there is a tion, you may be sure. remedy somewhere, of some kind for that evil. The thing to be done is to find it and to put it in force. The an income tax. It would not necesperson who solves the problem, points sarily affect them. All they would the way to checking the heavy drain have to do would be to vote themthe party they have so basely betray. on the country's wealth by the imlic benefactor.

Republican politicians, finding the declares that the pauper-raised tea of which President Taft brought us. contest narrowed down to Judge Asia does not compare in quality and Connor and District Attorney Harry "cannot compete with the tea of Sicinner, accepted at President Taft's South Carolina." Why then should hands a Democrat rather than a Congress be asked to put a tax of ten Republican factionally objectionable. cents a pound on tea for the benefit This comment by The Dobson News of the South Carolina tea raisers if is undoubtedly representative of how they do not need it to enable them chickens. the Republican rank and file feel, and to compete with the foreign produc-

at Washington-if not an outgoing Southern Lumber Journal, points out upward with a chicken in his beak. Great Father-in much the same spir-t that in some respects the lumber in-that the derout Mohammedan are dont in the state for the other claw was daugling the it that the devout Mohammedan are dustry is the largest in this State. Un- ateel trap that had been cepts whatever he regards as the will less some one shall be found asserts as a few days before. cepts whatever he regards as the will less some one shall be found asserts of Allah. But while the habit of im- hing that North Carolina already gets plicit and reverential submission still more than her fair share of the tariff, weighs heavily upon North Carolina we see no reason why the proposed Republicans, an independent spirit is low tariff on lumber should not rebeginning to be shown. The Dobson ceive hearty support from North Caro-

A majority of the Democratic Senthat self-respect which it has long at its and Representatives seem to needed more than anything else. The have determined, in this tariff revi- in the last campaign by reason of deep discredit inflicted by a judge- sion matter, to vote as they deem for their positions, and we are sure that ship appointment made under such the best interests of their constituents circumstances as Judge Connor's may and of their sections of the country. wer be lived down. In some respects An exchange says that may not be North Carolina Republicaniam is a good politics, but it is business. Oo Anderson Mail. curious and interesting subject for the people send men to Congress to

of the unemployed are given steady work at road building. an olive branch perched on high and sagged near the heads of the immense It is true, however, that they do not gold fishes playing about the base. seem grateful to the public officials for providing this employment for wondrous display. them

Do not punish your child. Go to him deliberately to the President's your plano and play Beethoven's stand or that it just happened that "Moonlight Sonata," or something of but the presence of Col. Thomas that sort, for its benefit, is the ad- Black in the President's special place vice of a New York physician. But on the reviewing stand was eminently how about those parents who have never heard of Beethoven and cannot strike a single note on a plano? We suppose they will be allow- sional glances, as much as to say, "Old ed to continue to make music with the fellow. I'm about as big a man as slipper and the shingle.

While Pittsburg has been busying herself fighting against the "demoraltheir encampments. The infantry went back to Fort McPherson, Ga. izing influence of the nude in art" graft has been allowed to parade her Ga. streets unmolested, in the glare of the noon-day sun as nude as was Adam before he took to the business of assisted materially in making a fig-leaf tailor.

The Leavenworth, Kan., Post asks: 'Where is Mr. Bryan?" Don't be uneasy. If he is lost it will be only temporarily. He will let his wheresuch precision on the field.

does not touching invocation at the Auditorium Congressmen ought not to oppose pastor selves a sufficient raise in the present salary to cover the tax.

It will go down in Mecklenburg his-The Charleston News and Courier tory as "that long cool spell in May"

Much of a Hawk.

Asheboro Courier. An interesting hawk story comes from Concord township. Recently N. V. Kearns, a farmer, set a steel trap in his chicken lot to catch some sly animal that had been robbing him of The day after it was set an investigation showed that the trap had been carried away. Nearly week passed before he heard a great commotion among his chickens into carried

Whetting Their Enives in the Fifth. Winston Journal

It is said that candidates are already pluming themselves for Congress in No man who got mixed up in the affair of 1908 will have a ghost of a chance, for there are knives being whetted at this very minute for a number of men. We know that some men are mentioned who took no part the Democrats will select a winner from one of these,

What a Shock!

the chief buildings for more than a Just as we had about agreed that week, and the government flags, they the world was getting better the disthe student of contemporary politics. I play politics or to transact business? . pensary investigation starts up again. dried by the sun.

throng on the street. For a time, h appeared that a panie was inevitable All the trimmings were in white, the then fact that a drenching rain was just then beginning and the throng whole making a most beautiful and was scattering in all directions. The officials of the 4 ("s, however, showed Whether his higher officer assigned their superior wisdom in taking the precaution of stopping the street cars on that line and shutting off the current that would have dealt death to Thomas a multitude had it been broken from its moorings and dropped to the ground while conveying its full voltin keeping with the fitness of things. age. Colonel Tom occupied the north end

he gave the Chief Executive occa-The great amount of work toward preparing for the celebration was noticeable to all the visitors and even to those who are accustomed to the immense displays in the greater cities of the country. Of all the decorative The United States soldiers left yeswork, however, the electric Illuminaterday morning over the Southern for tion for which Charlotte is fast be coming far-famed appeared to elicit the widest approbation. It was and the cavalry to Fort Oglethorpe, matter of universal comment that the One section of the train left at o'clock and the other an hour lacity showed the visitors that it was ter. The troopers that were at the celebration made a great showing and the electric centre of the South being able to command such an elaborate electric decoration. This has programme attractive. The number become a favorite sort of display in men here this time was consider-Charlotte and it is evident that no ably in excess of that three years ago. The drilling was very much enjoyed other is serving a better purpose of advertisement or more universally and the officers displayed their fine meeting the need for an adequate technique in being able to command decoration. All of which is due in large measure to the public spirit and generosity on the part of the South-Any account of the celebration and ern Power Company and Mr. W. S the coming of President Taft which Lee, Jr.

A limited touch with some repreof Rev. Dr. William Morris Kincaid. sentative Charlotte citizens reveals the First Presbyterian the fact that the people here were church, of the city, just prior to the immensely pleased with President significant address of the nation's Taft, irrespective of party affiliations, Thief Executive, would fall short to Many loyal and abiding Democrats marked degree. Those who heard were profoundly impressed with the it say that it was one of the most ap-propriate and beautiful ever heard a Chief Executive. They like his printhe city, and formed a fitting introciples and his attitude toward the duction to a meeting the like of which South, the eminent independence in has never before been held in the ideas which he displayed, the plain unadorned, and yet becoming dignity evidenced in speech and conduct, the The management of the Young great good cheer and beaming countenance which marks his ever Men's Christian Association displaymove, and the whole-hearted, wholeed a magnanimous spirit in offering souled disposition of the President. free places to sit during the passing While the Not only those who came in immeexcellent seats afforded at the Assodiate touch with the distinguished visitor, but even those clation Building would have easily who merely caught a good glance at him dur commanded fine prices, the directoring his, stay here found in his face an ate agreed that it would not be the proper thing to do to fix any charges exhibition of temper and a strength of character that fills well the ideal and went even so far as to provide as many chairs as could be crowded of an American citizen. This

The question arising prominently now in the minds of everybody relates to what extent the celebration crowd would have grown had the weather been in the very least propltious. Fair estimates place the visitors to the city Thursday at 30,000. Of course, many run far over this number, while a few, perhaps, strike lower. That seems to be to all fairminded prognosticators as a good The exceedingly threatening guess. weather of the early morning, or just about the time the special trains from various points in the Carolinias, were scheduled to leave, cut down the num-It is / ber of visitors extensively. fact that an enormous number of people from the nearby towns re-frained from risking themselves in the under such unfavorable clouds and they made no preparation to come. It is also true that a very considerable number of the people from

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New Wash Fabri

States wanted in succession which the same

A full line of Silk Mulls and Baustes in colored figures and polka dots; also in solid colors with and stripes, well worth 35c ., but the lot will go to-day at. Another shipment of those pretty Plaid Voiles have been so popular at 121-The pretty Irish Poplins in all colors in to-day REAL PROPERTY AND A REAL PROPERTY OF

New Arrivals

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