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WITH THE POLITICAL ORPHANS.

A mournful view of the North Carolina Republican party's wrecked hopes is given by The Dobson News. President Taft played havoc when he declared, in effect, that the Republican party, or at any rate the Republican party of the eastern district, which contains honored ex-judges, has no man fitted for the lowest position in the Federal Judiciary system.

THE COUNTRY'S FIRE WASTE.

The president of the National Board of Underwriters has recently issued his annual report. There is one subject discussed in that report to which we wish to call special attention. It is that of the fire waste in this country. The report shows that the ordinary annual loss by fire amounts to two hundred million dollars, and this does not include exceptional and largely preventable fires, such as that in San Francisco.

THE 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 believed in North Carolina Republican political circles, and those against 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 the party they have so basely betrayed."

MR. Z. V. WHITEHEAD, EDITOR OF THE SOUTHERN LUMBER JOURNAL, POINTS OUT THAT IN SOME RESPECTS THE LUMBER INDUSTRY IS THE LARGEST IN THIS STATE.

Mr. Z. V. Whitehead, editor of The Southern Lumber Journal, points out that in some respects the lumber industry is the largest in this State. One of the largest shall be found accepting that North Carolina already gets more than her fair share of the tariff, we see no reason why the proposed low tariff on lumber should not receive hearty support from North Carolina Congressmen.

WHAT A SHOCK!

Just as we had about agreed that the world would be better off if a necessary investigation starts up again.

HOG VERSUS TOURIST.

The Florida Legislature has been wrestling for some time with the question which is of greater benefit to the State, hogs or tourists. The House of Representatives settled the question as far as it is concerned in favor of the hogs, and the Senate is now trying to make up its mind on the subject.

THEIR PRE-EMINENCE SECURE.

The still-echoing notes with which a North Carolina near-poet recently welcomed President Taft have, as was to be expected, caused an envious stir across the South Carolina line.

THE BUILDING OF PUBLIC ROADS BY THE UNEMPLOYED HAS THE ENDORSEMENT OF PRESIDENT TAFT.

The building of public roads by the unemployed has the endorsement of President Taft, says an exchange. Mr. Taft will find that in this part of the country, especially in those sections where the vagrancy law is enforced, a great many of the unemployed are given steady work at road building.

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NOTES OF THE CELEBRATION

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

THE NAMES OF MR. AND MRS. WADE HARRIS SHOULD HAVE APPEARED AMONG THOSE HONORED WITH SEATS ON THE BOARD ON THE OCCASION OF THE DINNER GIVEN BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

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

MISS CARRIE LOUISA 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.

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 FLAG TO WASHINGTON UNHARMED IS BEGINNING TO THINK A PARTIAL FORFEITURE WILL BE NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT A NUMBER OF THE LARGER FLAGS HAVE BEEN BADLY USED BY THE ELEMENTS.

The central committee of the celebration which was bonded to return the United States flag to Washington unharmed is beginning to think a partial forfeiture will be necessary in view of the fact that a number of the larger flags have been badly used by the elements. The heavy 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 CART.

Little Miss Helen Lethco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Lethco, secured the first prize for the prettiest pony cart. It was decorated with yellow butterflies. In the list of names of those who rode on the colonial float, the names of Misses Hazeline Thomas and Isabel Beall, also 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.

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 at.

THE CONFETTI BATTLES WERE NEVER MORE FIERCELY FOUGHT IN THE CITY THAN DURING THE FIRST TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS OF THE CELEBRATION.

The confetti battles were never more fiercely 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.

MR. RICHARD WIGHTMAN, OF WASHINGTON, EDITORIAL WRITER ON THE NEW YORK SUN, IS A VISITOR IN THE CITY.

Mr. Richard Wightman, of Washington, editorial writer on The New York Sun, is a visitor in the city. The guest of Mr. J. P. Caldwell, editor of The Observer, and Mr. D. A. Tompkins, did not come for the celebration yesterday morning, but for a social visit. He is a Louisianaian by birth and a veteran of the war between the States.

THE FACT THAT THE ELECTRIC CURRENT HAD BEEN CUT OFF OF THE WIRES ON SOUTH TRYON STREET DURING THE PASSING OF THE PARADE PROBABLY SAVED THE LIVES OF AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

The fact that the electric current had been cut off of the wires on South Tryon street during the passing of the parade probably saved the lives of an unlimited number of people. Near the close of the fine procession of military, civic and floral parades, one of the overhead electric light wires was sagged near the heads of the immense throng on the street.

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.

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 work done for the electric illumination for which Charlotte is famous, the coming far-famed appeared to elicit the widest approbation.

THE UNITED STATES SOLDIERS LEFT YESTERDAY MORNING FOR THE SOUTHERN FRONT.

The United States soldiers left yesterday morning for the Southern front. Their departure was a great event in the city. The cavalry to Fort McPherson, Ga., and the cavalry to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. One section of the train left at 10 o'clock and the other an hour later.

THE LEAVENWORTH, KAN., POST ASKS: "WHERE IS MR. BRYAN?"

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 whereabouts be known in plenty of time for the next Democratic national convention, you may be sure.

CONGRESSMEN OUGHT NOT TO OPPOSE AN INCOME TAX.

Congressmen ought not to oppose an income tax. It would not necessarily affect them. All they would have to do would be to vote themselves a sufficient raise in the present salary to cover the tax.

IT WILL GO DOWN IN MECKLENBURG HISTORY AS "THAT LONG COOL SPOIL IN MAY"

It will go down in Mecklenburg history as "that long cool spoil in May" which President Taft brought us.

MUCH OF A HAWK.

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 chickens. The day after it was set an investigation showed that the trap had been carried away. Nearly a week passed before he heard a great commotion among his chickens and going out he saw a hawk soaring upward with a chicken in his beak.

WHETTING THEIR KNIVES IN THE FIFTH WHISTON JOURNAL.

Whetting their knives in the Fifth Whiston Journal. It is said that candidates are already pluming themselves for Congress in 1910. 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 in the last campaign by reason of their positions, and we are sure that the Democrats will select a winner from one of these.

ANDERSON MAIL.

Anderson Mail. Just as we had about agreed that the world would be better off if a necessary investigation starts up again.

The Little-Long Co. DEPARTMENT STORES, CHARLOTTE, N.C. Towel Sale WE had a large shipment of Towels bought for celebration, and only arrived yesterday, belated by about a week, and we have decided to make a special low price on this lot and this is how they'll go. Good size Bath and Huck Towels, 12 and 15c on table, at... Another lot of special 17c. values to go at... A large 21 by 42 size fine Huck Towel, extra value 20c., but the quantity will be reduced at... Large size Hemstitched fine Huck Towel, best value in the lot, at... Large Hemmed Turkish Bath Towels, 20c. value, at... Extra heavy and extra size Turkish Bath Towels and 50c. values, now at... Don't miss this Towel opportunity, as it is a rare one. New Wash Fabric A full line of Silk Mulls and Batistes in colored figures and polka dots; also in solid colors with stripes, well worth 35c., but the lot will go to-day at... Another shipment of those pretty Plaid Voiles have been so popular at... The pretty Irish Poplins in all colors in to-day... New Arrivals A varied assortment of pretty Laces—many new terms in Vals, Cluny, Mechlin and Torchon... New Fan Chains in Jet... New styles in Children's Plaid and Striped Tops... New shades and weaves in "Ruff" Silks...