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#### SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1909.

WHEREIN MR. TAFT ERRED.

Well-intentioned though President Taft's judgeship appointment was, the chief actual effect which it has had or will have is the disgrace of his party in North Carolina. This party, to-day comprises over two-fifths the white population of the State and, while still very far from what it should be, ranks immeasurably above the Republican party of any other ex-Confederate State except Virginia and Tennessee and outranks its fellows in those States not a little. It includes all classes and conditions of men; it now has three Congressmen at Washington netwithstanding a carefully made and re-adjusted gerrymander; to denounce it wholesale is to cast a serious reflection upon the entire Yet, with nothing absent which might intensify the discredit, it has been made to appear in the eyes of the country as the rottenest among many rotten political aggrepoured out the vials of their scorn; important advantage have been equally vocal. It would require some courage or some brazenness in any man to go away from home to-day and proclaim himself a North Carolina Republican. Outside North Caroling, both North and South, nearly in that anxious Democratic partisans fear deep political designs by Presithe South divided regard the destruction of the present North Carolina Republican party as wisely decreed. The Observer has never voted for

a Republican, Populist or other non-Democrat and at this writing foresees no coptingency which could lead good befalling Judge Connor and trusts that his appointment will be soul its own rather than its party's ting the Roosevelt appointment of dose necessarily serious. Seawell stand likewise relieving his party-as, in fact, he apparently did cratic press of the State would have press regret at what he has done.

pendence of thought and action above compare sentiments. the honor that comes from holding office where the acceptance of such office would hamper him in the exercise of that independence. The Oregonian is Republican in politics: has obsessions which cause it to be but it is not so partisan as to stamp recognized by rational men the counwith its endorsement everything try over as frankly idiotic on certain important issues from the standpoint obsessed otherwise also are not a few of Americanism and not Republicannewspapers here South. The Southwith the hearty endorsement of ism. Editor Scott does not wish to ern newspaper which comes to mind Comptroller General Jones. abandon that envisible position his pa- first in this connection is The Charlesper occupies, and rather than do so ton News and Courier. Our very able dered him by the leader of his party rary cannot discuss certain subjects

reon who ever removed an appendix ment. It could not possibly apprehas died of appendicitis. This in- clate a viewpoint which involved reccreasingly popular disease came along ognition of changing political condi- Durham Herald. (in 1885) with the bicycle and con- tions in the South or any Southern siderably ahead of the automobile.

ordinary office-seeker!

newspaper would first make the sor- lightenment. ry pun suggested by Charlotte's wetness on the Twentleth. To our

WHAT THE DEMOCRACY NEEDS.

Norman E. Mack is absolutely corect in his opinion that what the Democratic party needs is to find more principles on which all Democrats can agree. Had it been able to do that last year Mr. Taft might not now be in the White House and the tariff revision now soing on in Congress might be conducted by Democrate

Mr. Mack might have substituted 'some principles" for "more principles" and not gone further from the mark, for there is hardly a single political question of the magnitude of a national one on which the whole party is agreed. Not only are the rank and file divided on almost, if not entirely every political question, but the leaders of the party, the men who have been chosen to represent and stand for the masses in the legislative halls of the nation and in the councils of the party are as hopelessly divided on the same questions.

The all-important subject thought and discussion now is the tariff, and look how the party stands on that-hardly a proposed schedule in the House or the Senate bill on which there is even approximate members of either body. One example will give a fair illustration of this division of sentiment-the iron ore schedule. The Washington Post gives the situation thus

"The duty on iron ore-for the trust only—was kept in the Senate bill by the votes of eighteen Democratic Senators. though a Republicae House, presided over by Joseph G Cannon and led by Serenu E. Payne and John Dalzell, had put iron ore on the free list

There is lack of unity among the Republicans also on many questions as hopelessly divided as are the Democrats and they can be counted on "getting together" when it comes ty or aiding its opponent. The Washington Post further describes the situation in Congress on the tariff question in this manner:

"We heard a great deal a year or so ago to the effect that ago to the effect that Theodore Roose-vit stole his politics from William J. Bryan. That sort of stealing seems to be catching. Democrats in the Senate have appropriated Pig Iron Kelley's politics, and Republicans of that body have been caught with 'Old Bill' Morris-on's goods in their possession. We see spectacle of insurgent Republicant lemanding free lumber, stand-pat bublicans support \$1 a thousand duty stand-pat Re lumber 'for protection.' and bourbon Democrats clamor for & a thousand duty on lumber for revenue only ever such a kettle of fish?" Was there

gations in the South. Newspapers, ples of division in the Democratic irrespective of party or section, have ranks which might be pointed out. one is forced to confess that Mr. ignerance acting upon natural infer- Mack is right in his views as to the ences and partisanship improving an chief need of the Democratic party.

State are estopped from objecting to all newspapers, heaping obloquy upon they once offered him a Supreme ticipation to make up for the disap-North Carolina Republicanism with Court nomination. Herein our pointment of the reality. one accord, differ for the most part Greensboro contemporary is very far from showing its usual discernment. Suppose Governor Kitchin, after lookdent Taft and those who want ing over the field for months and successively rejecting all the available lican as Judge Connor's successor on set of simpletons that they would ac tween the two cases. The district Fed- on his part. eral judgeship, too, ranks below the it to do so hereafter; it rejoices in any State associate justiceship in every respect except salary and tenure of office, and there was really no quesconfirmed in the shortest time possible. But a newspaper calling its the position. It is one matter to take a voluntary stand for non-partisan must not silently pass by the great judges and a different matter to have mass of injustice incident upon Presi- this or any other doctrine rammed dent Taft's action. In our view, Mr. down one's throat years afterward on fire about 12:30 o'clock. A num-Taft would have acted best by let- under circumstances which render the

some time ago-of the Washington- the right to twit Republicans upon supported machine which has been even the most glaring inconsis- street. Mr. Beckler managed to save a heavy incubus upon it since the first tencies in advocating a non-partisan McKinley administration. We have judiciary, for when did Democrats never sought to advise him and we ever advocate suche a judiciary at all? ere not now seeking to reprove him. Probably the most discreditable inbut, strictly from our outside stand- cident of the party's history in North partment responded to an alarm, but point and from within the limits of Carolina during a whole generation our own business, we desire to ex- was the nearly successful attempt, ten years ago, to impeach two Republican Supreme Court justices-upright INDEPENDENCE ABOVE OFFICE and respected jurists-for definite Editor Scott, of The Portland Ore- partisan ends Should Governor Kitchgonian, who refused the appointment in appoint the highest-class Republias ambassador to Mexico, tendered can lawyer in the State a police court him by President Taft, on the ground magistrate, those now loudly praising that to accept the office would com- the Connor appointment would be fillpromise the independence of his pa- ed with anger. It is not Republicans per, has set an example which all but Democrats who on this question should emulate. He puts his inde- have least cause to invoke records or

### NEAR-PERFECT NEWSPAPERS.

The New York Evening Post, a declines a position of honor ten- and admirable Charleston contempoand the President of the nation. What with ordinary intelligence. So we are a gulf is fixed between him and the in no way surprised to find it taking pointment of Judge Connor. In other direct and rather ill-tempered issue with The Observer's comment upon It is announced that the first sur- the North Carolina judgeship appoint-State. We shall wish, but without much hope, that as the years go by We have been waiting to see which its mind may be opened to fuller en-

Mr. Taft is cortainly carrying out thocked surprise, it is The Danville the Roosevelt policies as regards the

OUR PANEGYRISTS DISTANCED. The Montgomery Advertiser quotes from the address of welcome, made by a Hindoo, to Mr. Reosevelt on his arrival at Mombassa:

'He sleeps never, and talks the nights through with the convincing wisdom of bankers, and that his money lies deep in the cellars of his strong, white house, in the cellars of his strong, white house, with only one wife to scatter it in the bread baraars of Washington or the populous markets of Philadelphia. Be it known that this man of might ceases not in counsel markets. ot in counsel, spares ravening lions in butterfly net; eats incessantly and drinks never; rides with fury while sleeping deeply in his saddle, so that we, who reverence him as the last word of creation upon the lips of his august Creator, bow before his life work of civilization. whispering with reverent acquiesence, we are all gratified on will of God."

The Advertiser truly says that the Hindoo has Mr. Roosevelt's American panegyrists beaten out of sight. It is true, some of his sentences are involved, leaving doubt in the minds of the mighty hunter's friends in this country as to the real meaning. They must take much on trust, making due allowance for lack of familiarity with American social life, and for the difficulty under which the interpreter labored in trying to put the flowery language of the Oriental into more commonplace English. The speaker -not Jacob Rils in disguise-was conscious of having acquitted himself well and Mr. Roosevelt was pleased with the laudations; so the balance of the world should be content.

The defendant in a breach of prom ise suit in a Connecticut court set up the plea of insanity; that he was too crazy to marry-had not mind Now had it been a suit on the part of the woman for specific performance of the contract instead of one for damages on breach of the contract business on the basis of annual setthe defendant's plea that he was too crazy to marry might have had the changed by our dictum. the risk of the jury giving her a husband who was really crazy. But as sider a crazy man's meney as good as a sane one's and hence push the case for all she can get out of it.

Charlotte people and their visitors suffered terrible discomfort because of the fearful weather on Declaration of Independence day. They would get some consolation for their discomfiture on that occasion, however, could they read all the complimentary things published in the newspapers must be primarily based upon it. about the cheerful manner in which they bore the disappointment and the ducking which the weather man gave

It will soon be time for Georgia Democrats to nominate a successor to Governor-elect Brown, although belief that the Republicans of the men they choose for Governor plenty advocates of a non-partisan judiciary, them a long time of pleasurable an-

Democrats, should appoint a Repub- whom he was speaking were such a the State Supreme Court bench; then cept his statement as true? Eithe: only would there be any likeness be- way, it shows lack of good judgmen-

### NARROW ESCAPE FROM FIRE.

of Mr. Gus Beckler on the About Midnight.

The family of Mr. Gus Beckler narrowly escaped being burned last night when it was discovered that his home on the Salisbury road was ber on the streets at that hour saw the lurid glare and were attracted to We cannot grant that the Demothe scene of the burning, which was about a half-mile beyond the Southern overhead bridge on North Tryon but a small proportion of his house hold effects, barely having time to get out of the house himself. The house was two stories in height and burned to the ground. The fire dewas not able to get any water at that distance from the city and hence tration should fortify itself with Re-

Memorial to year rielen Wilde.

Winston-Salem, May 22 .- Of particular interest is the announcement today that the Alpha Delta Phi sorority of Salem Academy and College will install in the Alumnae Hall a statue of Hebe, made of Carrara marble, in memory of Miss Helen Wilde, a member of the sorority, who was graduat ed two years ago, dying only a few weeks later in Jamaica, where her pawere living. Miss Wilde was greatly beloved and the project for a memorial to her meets with thorough approval at the college.

### How Tax Dodgers Would Squirm.

Mayor Sherard, of Anderson, has made a suggestion designed to correct the inequalities in tax returns which is attractiong attention throughout which is done in the name of the Re- subjects. Presenting the reverse side the State. His idea is to have a list publican party. It discusses all the of some Evening Post obsessions and of the returns published, which if carried out would certainly create a

### No Apologies to Make.

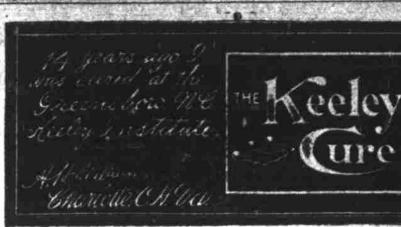
Salisbury Post. The President made it very clear in his Charlotte speech yesterday that he has no apologies to offer for his apwords the President not only acted with his eyes open but proposes to be guided by the same standard in all similar appointments.

### It Is Much Easter.

It is as easy to believe that Charlotte has more than forty-five thousand population as it is to believe that Greensboro has forty-two.

### Society Up in the Air.

Charleston Post. Not long ago an automobile was One thing that makes Charlotte held in high esteem as a badge of grow is that her newspapers are alquality, but now to be ultra-fashion- ways reminding the people that she able, one must order an aeroplane. is growing.



#### SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE. Merchants in the United States Fall to

Understand the Condition

New York Sun. Some writers on commercial subects assert that our merchants and up trade in Spanish-American countries. It is argued that they have more business than they can attend o, or that they prefer to expand trade that has been already estabished in other quarters. We do not quite believe this, but it is undoubt edly true that Americans have not so far been willing to take the trouble to enter into new relations, espeially when they involve a departure from our time-honored customs. Central and South American republics it is necessary to adjust ourselves to their demands. In the first place we

enough for entering into the contract have to agree to the system of anwhich the law holds marriage to be nual settlements; next we must send them the kind of goods they want; finally we must use just such packages as they require. Almost everybody from Mexico to Patagonia does This is a necessity created by their environment and cannot be effect of frightening the plaintiff in- distances between the port of entry to taking a nonsuft without running and the inland towns and villages among which the goods are ultimate ly distributed, the dearth of rapid communication, and other causes it is only for damages she will con- have conspired to fortify the system until it has become a part of the people's life and cannot be uprooted. It is as good a system as any other when one has grown accustomed to it, and it is idle in this day and generation to talk of any other. The small merchants cannot settle with the importers until they collect the money due them, and this is practicable only when their customers have realized upon crops and produce. The annual settlement, there fore, is a permanent institution, and any trade we establish in those lands

#### PRESIDENT TAFT'S POLICY.

The Observer's Views on His Appointment of Judge Connor Endorsed Charleston Evening Post.

As we have been if not alone at least one of the few newspapers without North Carolina to comment unfavorably upon President Taft's appointment of a Democrat to the office of district judge in that State, when Nature bath lost its beauty, wood and such an appointment involved the rejection of some excellent material in his own party, we are especially interested in the remarks of The Observer on this matter, which we print in another column to-day. The incl- Oblivious of their charms he sits forlorn, dent is of very much larger importance than might be hastly concluded. With lumious food and viands they tempt because it not only gives an indica tion of the policy Mr. Taft may purresult of high tariff" did he believe sue toward the South but it illustrates the political methods of the new Chief Their priceless treasures all are thrown Executive. The Charlotte Observer is a Democraic newspaper and one of the most thoughtful and same expenents of Southern sentiment. It is independent of view and open of expression and its opinion carries weight and is held in respect in North Caro-It is friendly to Mr. Taft. When, The Observer says that "Mr. Taft, ordinarily tactful and open-minded enough, went far astray in this case, Sallsbury Road Burned Entirely and that "he gave pleasure to no large class among those acquainted with the real situation except people who wish his plans not the slightest good," we are more than ever satisfied that we were correct in the fear we expressed esterday that the "appointment will have a pernicious political effect on both the Republican and the Democratic situation in the South." Taft will find that mixed play is not so agreeable at politics as at golf.

#### The North Carolina Judge as The New York Sun Sees Him.

New York Sun. It is not our guess that the "Demowhom President Taft has just appointed to the Federal bench in North Carolina need give the Republican party in general any particular concern. As a broad proposition it is puite true that a Republican adminispublican appointees in all important respects. This is a government by party, and the mugwump idea is valid only in the club, the academy and the

boudoir. The South is full of "Democrats" whose Democracy begins-and endswith purely domestic affairs. From their point of view at least it is a matter of necessity and binds them to nothing in the national equation, Mr. Taft could hardly have gone astray in North Carolina, where outside of local questions Democratic affiliations have a Pickwickian meaning only, and where the right stamp is to be found under one label as certainly as

under the other-perhaps more so. If the North Carolina Senators have had anything to do with this conclusion it is doubtless to their credit. In any event, we cannot believe that Sen-Overman would have acted or advised save for the dignity and honor of the government, and incidentally for the special welfare of his State In all human probability the appointment of the Hon. Henry G. Connor, of Wilson, is as good an appointment as

#### could have been made. A Little Premature.

Winston Sentmer.

This talk about candidates for the Fifth district congressional nomination next year is a trifle premature. Many things might happen during the next twelve months which would be calculated to have an effect on this mat-

#### The Law Forbids Crue! Punishment Charleston Post.

The Columbia Record thinks that every college in the State would do well to have its class in political economy read The Congressional Record during this debate on the tariff."

### We Do Our Best.

Rowland Sun.

The President Commended For His Judicial Appointment. To the Editor of The Observer:

liscussion of the wisdom of President Taft's appointment of aa Demoeastern Carolina judgeship, made vacant by the death of Judge Purnell, it would e well for your readers to hear from those who ordinarily are not heard from on such subjects.

Inasmuch as there has been much

I have often heard even the Supreme bench criticised by people with whom I have associated and in answer to their criticisms I have always stated that of all people they should be the purest, having been appointed by the highest authority.

Judge Taft of all men is best fitted to select a man, regardless of politics, has found the best man availble and there should be no kick among the lower class of Republi-cans. Politics should not enter into a matter of this importance. "Partisan politics not a factor in the disposition of high judicial offices," as announced by President Taft yester-day, should settle the question,

I am not a Republican. E. E. WORKMAN. Burlington, May 22, 1909.

Negro Confesses to Murdering Boy. Richmond, Va., May 23 .- At Abing ion, Va., Robert Moore, a negro who was in jail for horse stealing, last night confessed to the murder of James Hines, the 15-year-old son of Robert A. Hines, white, of that place. Recently the body of the boy was found near Freeling, Dickinson county, Virginia. The head had been severed from the body and the arms and legs cut off. Moore said that another negro had held Hines while he cut his throat. him of \$65 and hid the body under some brush. Moore was taken away from Ahingdon last night to avoid the danger of lynching.

#### One Thing Certain About It. Durham Record.

There is one thing that may be truthfully said about the Federal judgeship appointment by President Taft, and that is that he evidently suited himself.

### THE TROUBLE.

His face is meiancholy and a frown Is knit upon his brow. His weary eyes Dejectedly and languld he casts down, And like a sobbing winter wind he sighs.

Are barren, of their wonted glories Song-bird nor mowers their enchantmen

yield

Art joined with nature offers all that's

to waste. He has no appelite for aught of food. Dame Nature's kindest cure for earthly

Refreshing sleep-takes wings and flees Or ling'ring haunts his mind with forms that chill. And make him, shudd'ring, long for

break of day. No friendly faces greet him with a smile. No helping hands in kindness e'er extend,

Words feigning kindness tend but to be guile. He sees an enemy in every friend.

Why sits he thus in agony apart? kiave all his friends been wrapped in death's dark pall?

Or woos he vainly some fair maiden's heart? Oh no-his liver's out of whack-that's

-H. E. SPENCE.

## THE EMPIRE GIRL.

Oh, where is the girl of the shapely bust Or the girl of the curving charms? Oh, where are the shapes of a twelvemonth back? All now take the shape of the empty

Or the trunks of the tapering palms.

The girl that we loved-and the girl we kissed-Was a vision, as all well know:

She'd hips and a bust, and a curving walst-Just once in a while, perhaps, too much Inced. But always a lovely show.

But now, woe is me, all the curves have

And there's nothing but straight lines keyhole is just such a shape, I ween With waist right up under her armpits

And our senses are clean bereft. In starting to hug her, we don't know where Is the place for our trembling arm: We're likely as not to score a miss

And meet with a frost in the place of bliss From the girl of the straight-waist

But, spite of it all, she is still our queen, With her tresses of black or brown Hid under a tent-like peach crate hat,

Enough to make Solomon murmur "Scat" And "Away with that Empire gown. This thing cannot last to the end of time And I hope that we'll live to see

The beautiful shapes that we used to The smooth-flowing curves that attracted

And in this, I know, all agree.

-H. H. BRIMLEY.

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