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High Point Enterprise.

THE ENTERPRISE is read twice each week by nine-tenths of the people of High Point and by several thousand in the surrounding territory. A wise advertiser will readily see the point.

The Enterprise office prints to please—the dollar is essential yet a secondary matter. Anything printed, from a visiting card to a 6-foot circular, and we do it well. Work Solicited.

Banquet.

The manufacturers will give a Banquet at the Elwood tonight complimentary to visiting retail furniture dealers in the city.

The Primaries.

The Democratic Primaries will be held to-night and it is expected that the attendance will be larger than was ever known before. Each of the candidates have their friends and the voting will be lively. Let every voter attend.

New Clerk.

Mr. W. H. Plummer who was with Mr. Cobb at the Guilford Hotel for sometime, has accepted the position as clerk at the Elwood. Pleased to have him.

Great Improvement.

The Enterprise went over this week to look at Mr. E. H. C. Field's houses on Willow Brook and Green streets that he is having overhauled and attractively painted. He has eight about ready for occupants all of which are very desirable houses. The houses have not only been made attractive but the side walks in front have been graded and ballasted.

A Handsome Donation.

Mr. E. M. Armfield, cashier National Bank of High Point, has given \$5,000 to the University to endow a chair there. This is a very handsome gift on Mr. Armfield's part.

Here is a Record.

As the business of the town grows the six tracks across Main street over which the shifting is done will give us greater annoyance. We understand perfectly well that the tracks across Main street are there by agreement with the Board of Aldermen and cannot now be molested but it is very apparent that the public must soon have relief in another direction. Several years ago the Enterprise advocated strongly a bridge at Hamilton street crossing and while the embankment on one side has been cut away, the bridge can yet be constructed by changing the direction of the street only a few feet.

Just look at this record and see if we do not need a bridge: One day last week the local freight train crossed Main street 47 times while shifting. It gets worse every day and it is incumbent upon the Board of Aldermen and the Southern Railway to get together and talk bridge, tunnel or something else.

Contract Let.

Mr. W. I. Montgomery was awarded the contract for the new First Baptist church and will begin work about 21st.

The Candidates.

The candidates for county officers made their last rounds yesterday. Mr. McNairy, Capt. McKinney and their friends were here all day. The friends of Messrs. Jordan and Whitt were also on hand.

FIRST BAPTIST NOTES.

The New Building.

Work has begun on the new building and things are moving this week on the old lot. The trees are being cut out of the way and by next Sunday the old house will be rolled back on Mr. Lindsay's lot, where it will stand until the new house is ready for use. It will be used in the meantime as a place of worship for the First Baptist congregation.

The contract for the brick work has been given to a gentleman in Charlotte. Mr. Montgomery has been engaged to superintend the construction of the entire building from foundation to finish. The congregation hopes to occupy the Sunday School room by Christmas.

NOW FOR THE MONEY.

All subscribers are earnestly solicited to be ready for the collectors when they call, which will be this and next week.

The First Gun.

The Republicans fired their first gun in this neighborhood Saturday night, when Lt. Gov. Reynolds spoke at Pears school house. Those who heard him say that he made a good speech.

The Price of an Aristocracy.

If there is one thing that has been demonstrated by the whole course of history it is that absolutism does not pay in any nation. Every day we may see that old lesson repeated for our instruction in the progress of the war in the East. Absolutism is only a shell without a heart. That is the reason why when Russia, an absolutism, is confronted by a nation one-fifth her size, but with something to fight for and with a measure of democracy, the absolutism goes down. Fighting is not a matter of big and glittering armies. All this enormous military strength of Russia melts away because of the inherent weakness of her form of government. This is the only reason, and that is reason enough.

It has always been so. A century ago the armies of republican France were sweeping everything before them. The best trained troops of Europe, in enormously preponderating numbers, were as nothing before the fierce valor of the raw levies that were fighting the battle of common men. No achievements in military history parallel the victories of those armies in the days of the first republic. But when nineteen years of absolutism under Napoleon III. had sapped the strength of the country the armies of France were cut up like eggshells.

In absolutism thieves invariably steal the inside out of the military organization. In an absolutism bureaucracy comes in and paralyzes energy and efficiency. In an absolutism nobody really cares. Officials having no concern in the common good and no incentive to patriotism have mind only upon their own advancement and profit.

This is the inevitable penalty for the huge crime of governing without the consent of the governed. For in an absolutism every man with a particle of intelligence knows that the form of government is absurd and contrary to the trend of human process. He knows that present conditions in monarchy cannot last. He knows that the whole thing is doomed, and usually he proceeds upon the basis of getting what he can for himself while the chance remains.

Citizen soldiery, as the late Governor Altgeld pointed out in his admirable book, "The Cost of Something for Nothing," has always defeated hired men in the field. The untrained colonists of North America beat the best troops of England and the mercenaries of Hesse. Jackson's rangers overwhelmed the soldiers that had beaten Napoleon. Hofer's mountaineers crushed the Bavarians and French. And in our own time the farmers of South Africa, fighting for home and liberty, routed the pet regiments of England, repeatedly defeated armies of five and six times their size of their own and brought about the permanent ruin of the English military reputation.

Democracy is the only safety for nations. Democracy is the only source of strength and progress. In proportion that democracy prevails nations advance and are prosperous and happy. Absolutism, aristocracy, caste and class are the foxes that eat out the national heart. There is no strength, there is no wisdom, there is no hope or future for any nation outside of its common people. The wisdom of the rich and the eminent is foolishness compared with the common sense and steady faith of the people. In no nation has statecraft been more highly developed than in England went to pieces before 25,000 South African farmers armed in defense of their homes.

Whether it be aristocracy of rank and title, or the aristocracy of wealth and trusts, aristocracy means national death.

We in this country think that such a condition of national weakness and exhaustion as Russia displays would be impossible for us. We can be perfectly sure that if we never reach it our safeguard will be that we do not allow the ancient standards of popular government perfect equality to be weakened by the encroachments of organized capital and the aristocracy of wealth.

We can well apply the experience of Russia to certain tendency and manifestations in our own proud land; to Colorado, for instance, and to the Philippines, and, above all, to the increasing control of American politics by the corporations, for these are not signs of national health.—N. Y. World.

Goode and Parker Pardoned.

Two happy men came to High Point Friday and took the train for the North. They had served 19 months on the roads of Guilford county for breaking in two stores in High Point. Their names were Goode and Parker and they hailed from the North. While working in the neighborhood of Deep River, Mrs. W. J. Armfield became interested in them. A month or so ago after being convinced that they had suffered enough for the crime committed and also on account of their health, this good lady circulated a petition for their release and our citizens generally signed it, including the proprietors of the stores which they burglarized. The petition was submitted to the Governor last week and he granted the pardon.

The Enterprise learns that these men are thoroughly repentant and have resolved to lead a better life. Parker lives in New England and will go home after working for a while. Goode claimed until the last that he had never revealed his right name and would not do so. He will work in Washington until he gets shaped up and then go home. He claims that opium eating was the cause of all of his trouble. He was a man of considerable education and wrote well as our readers will remember when a letter from him appeared in the Enterprise a few weeks ago.

Both of these men went home with a very different idea of the South than they had when they came down here.

Col. Phillips Here.

Col. J. H. Phillips, the great Real Estate specialist, who spent some time with us last fall and winter, and put a lot in the reach of all of our working people is here.

He has not told us that he would sell lots again but if he does, there will be bargains for somebody.

Ryder Wagon Company.

While at Thomasville yesterday, the editor of the Enterprise met with Capt. W. B. Ryder, one of the State's best men in every respect. He and his son are at the head of the Ryder Wagon Co., now one of the most successful manufacturing plants in the state. We went over the plant with Capt. Ryder and were surprised at the equipment and the enormous output of the plant. The capacity is about 7,000 wagons a year and although the plant is not a year old, it has built up a good business. If we mistake not Capt. Ryder said that the shipments lately had amounted to \$20,000. We feel proud of the plant and Capt. Ryder being so near us. Of course we had rather have him and his plant in High Point but as long as it was not so decreed we must be satisfied to look in on him now and then.

Capt. Ryder promised us a visit soon. He knows many of our business men.

New Market Wheat.

Mr. Sidney Beeson raised 586 1/2 bushels of wheat this year on 27 1/2 acres of land. This will amount to almost as much as he paid for the land a few years ago.

Deep River Items.

Mr. D. E. Hammer, of Mechanicsville, passed this vicinity Saturday.

Mr. Eugene Armfield, of your city, visited his parents at Saponaside Sunday.

Misses Hattie and Mabel Rush, of this place, visited friends in your city last week.

Miss Estelle Williams went to Spencer Saturday for a short visit to her brother, Mr. Brocton Williams.

Miss Mamie Kennedy and Miss Emma Jordan visited the latter's brother, Mr. B. A. Jordan, Friday and Saturday.

Albion and Alice Ledbetter returned to their home in Greensboro the last of the week.

Mr. Gattis Forster, who has been spending the spring and summer with friends and relatives in Summerfield, returned home last Sunday week.

Mrs. William Wiley, Jr., of Jamestown, and Miss Della Richardson, of Greensboro, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Richardson, Miss Della will remain at home till school opens at the Normal.

FARMER GIRL.

JAPANESE WIN SIGNAL VICTORY.

Port of Vladivostock Fleet Sunk—"Banzi" is the Word of the Japs Now.

Tokio, Aug. 14, 4 p. m.—Vice Admiral Kamimura encountered the Russian Vladivostock squadron at dawn to-day, north of Tsu Island, in the Strait of Korea, and attacked the enemy at once. The battle lasted for five hours and resulted in a complete Japanese victory. The Russian cruiser Rurik was sunk and the cruisers Rossia and Gromobol fled to the northward after having sustained serious damage.

Admiral Kamimura cables the Navy Department that the injuries inflicted upon his vessels were slight.

The fate of the crew of the Rurik is not known. It is presumed that many of them were killed or drowned. The strength of the fleet under Vice Admiral Kamimura is not known, but it is presumed that he had the Adsuma, Idsumo, Iwate, Takashiho and other light cruisers.

Tokio, Aug. 14, 8 p. m.—Flags are flying, lanterns are glimmering and cries of "Canzai!" are ringing in the streets of Tokio to-night in honor of the victories gained at sea by Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura.

Underneath the jollity of the populace lies a feeling of deep satisfaction and gratification at the disposal of a desperately serious problem of the war. The Russian squadron which confronted Admiral Togo refused battle. It was stronger than Admiral Togo's squadron in battleships and armored cruisers, and had it elected to fight, the result might have altered the fortunes of war. The strength of the squadron which opposed Admiral Togo compelled him to draw vessels from the squadron under Vice Admiral Kamimura, and this left the Japanese navy powerless to operate against the Russian Vladivostock squadron and unable to prevent the raids of these vessels.

The raid conducted by the Vladivostock squadron in July was extremely expensive to the Japanese; and not only was retaliation tempting, but it was demanded by commercial interests. The navy, however, grimly refused to make a version and stuck to Port Arthur. It was confident that the harbor soon would be untenable for the Russian warships, that it eventually would get a fair fight in the open sea away from the Russian land batteries, and that the Japanese would win. These calculations of the navy were correct, and the Russians, with the chances even, have been hopelessly defeated.—Charlotte Observer.

Sent On for Burglary.

A young man, Clifton Curtis, was sent on to court Saturday for burglarizing a room at the Jarrell hotel and taking a watch. The trial took an entire evening in the Mayor's office Saturday. The young man is of good address and hails from Winston. He has worked here for a month or so in one of the factories.

\$10,000 Fire at Carthage.

Carthage, August 13.—Fire broke out here this morning at 1 o'clock in one of the most active business blocks of the town and destroyed property to the amount of \$10,000. The burned block is right in the centre of the business portion of town and was constructed altogether of wood. The buildings were all old and constituted what had been known about town for years as a "fire trap." It is the general opinion that the fire was of incendiary origin and this was the fourth attempt to burn this block since the first of the present year. The fire originated in the shoe repair shop of W. T. Hunsucker, and in one hour was under control. The recent wet weather and the heavy fog aided greatly in confining the flames to the arena named. The furniture of the Carthage Hotel was pretty badly damaged while being removed from the building, but it is fully covered by insurance.

Mr. Z. I. Walser of Lexington was here this morning.

Get it Right.

There seems to be some misunderstanding about the North Side Company and its work at the fire Thursday night. When the alarm was sounded the boys made quick work of getting out the reel. On Main street they got stuck in the mud just about the time the people were coming back and said that the fire was out. They took it easy until the second alarm was given when they doubled quick to the scene and those who were there can testify to the good work done by them. They made their way on the inside of the building and did much toward putting out the fire. The Enterprise feels called on to say this much in justice to the boys who have been misrepresented. But we would also advise them to never listen to people coming back, but go ahead until they know the fire is out. We saw no excuse for stopping the alarm Thursday night.

WILMINGTON NEGROES FLEE

In Terror Over Dire Prophecy.

Wilmington, Aug. 14.—There was a wholesale exodus of negroes from the city to-day in a fear of the fulfilment of the prophecy of the negro fanatic, Geo. W. Richardson, of Newbern, who has done considerable missionary work among the ignorant colored population here and who proclaims himself "Prince George III, Ruler of the Universe." The negro held meetings and made a general prophecy about a year ago that Wilmington would be totally destroyed by fire on August 15th, which is tomorrow. The newspapers here have considerable prominence during the dull summer months of the utterance of the negro, little dreaming that the most ignorant would take the matter seriously. "Prince George" himself liberally covered the city with spread-eagle circulars distributed gratuitously and proclaiming the dire visitation. The effect has been wonderful and has demonstrated beyond peradventure that superstition is the ruling passion with the inferior race.

Rummage Sale.

The ladies of Washington St. Methodist church will have a rummage sale on Friday and Saturday Aug. 26th and 27th, 1904, in the storeroom next door to C. M. Chase. All donations requested to be sent in before Friday noon.

The Chattawka Dance.

The Chattawka Club gave an informal reception, Friday night at the club rooms, Stanton-Welch building complimentary to the visiting young ladies which proved one of the most enjoyable occasions of the season. Dancing was the main feature of the evening and with a splendid floor and good music, furnished by an able orchestra, almost all that were present indulged. Much was added to the pleasure of the evening by the sweet vocal and instrumental music rendered by the Misses Shiplett of Richmond. In addition to the elegant fruit punch delightful refreshments were served. The dancing lasted until a late hour. The following were present: Miss Louise Breeden, Bennettsville, S. C.; Miss Luna Thompson, Salisbury, N. C.; Miss Toney, Johnston, S. C.; Miss Josie Griffin, Woodland, N. C.; Miss Georgie Lowe, Charlotte, N. C.; Miss Carrie Joice, Detroit, Mich.; Miss Elmer Shiplett, Miss Mary Shiplett, Richmond, Va.; Miss Barbee, Durham, N. C.; Miss Hardie, Raleigh, N. C.; Misses Helen Snow, Winnie Snow, Lilly Sherrod, Debbie Sherrod, Rhett Leach, Lill Hastings, Kate Ingram, Ashlyn Lowe, Messrs. H. A. Millis, A. S. Caldwell, Jr., C. A. Ring, Fred Ingram, Charles T. Ingram, Will Charles, Bascom Hoskins, P. Ward Eshelman, C. M. Crawford, J. S. Griffin, J. E. Millis, H. E. Field, June Burton, C. V. Craigen, Frank Ogburn, Lawrence White, Oscar Moffit, Claud Shelton; Dr. Wm. A. Hayes, Charles D. Newman, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Staubus, Mr. S. J. Lowe.

Ready for Work.

The Bithulthic outfit has been erected in the "Y" near Piedmont Table Co. and will be ready for work this week.

DEMOCRATIC VIEW.

How the Battlefield for Electoral Votes Appears.

James Creelman in N. Y. World.

The following table of figures shows at a glance the national battlefield from the standpoint of the Democratic leaders.

The solid South is automatically Democratic. With a conservative candidate and program, actively supported by Grover Cleveland, the Democrats confidently claim New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The nomination of Henry G. Davis for vice president is said to insure the vote of Maryland and West Virginia, not to speak of the race issue. Mr. Roosevelt's recognition of Addicks and his methods is supposed to have alienated enough conservative Democrats to make Delaware safe for Parker. Rhode Island has elected a Democratic governor in the last two State elections.

SOLID SOUTH.

Table with 2 columns: State and Votes. Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia.

DEBATABLE SOUTH.

Table with 2 columns: State and Votes. Includes Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia.

DEBATABLE NORTHEAST.

Table with 2 columns: State and Votes. Includes New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island.

SUMMARY.

Table with 2 columns: Region and Votes. Includes Solid South, Debatable South, Debatable Northeast.

With this total assured to the Democratic ticket Judge Parker would need only 8 votes more to make his election certain. The following are the States in which the fight for these eight votes is to be pressed.

DEBATABLE WEST.

Table with 2 columns: State and Votes. Includes Idaho, Indiana, Montana, Nevada, Illinois, Washington, Colorado, Michigan, Oregon, Utah, Wisconsin.

Mr. Wilborn Held Up.

While Mr. J. W. Wilborn was riding along the road near A. A. Gordon's place Saturday night about 10:30 o'clock, a man emerged from the darkness and walking up to the horse yelled "Whoa!" "Get away from that horse," said Mr. Wilborn. "I'm going to ride" returned the man with an oath. "No you are not." "I'll be d— if I dont was the man's reply. About this time Mr. Wilborn yanked out a large Smith & Wesson pistol and when the intruder looked down the barrel of this, he broke and ran like a deer.

Program Farmers Institute.

The following is the program of Farmers Institute to be held at the Battle Ground, Tuesday, August 23, 1904:

- SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION: Soil Improvement—By Prof. H. H. Hume, State Horticulturist. Varieties of Cotton and Corn and their Improvement by Seed Selection—by C. B. Williams. Farm Dairying—by J. C. Kendall. Fertilizers for Cotton, Corn and other Crops—by C. B. Williams. The Farm Fruit Garden, by H. H. Hume. Feeding and Care of Farm Workstock—by Dr. Tait Butler.