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THE Republican State Executive Committee has been called to meet in Raleigh on August 15th.

THE one hundred and ninety-eighth annual meeting of the Society of Friends is now on at High Point. This is quite an old organization.

A CALL was issued Thursday for all Democrats of New Jersey, who favor a third ticket, to meet at Jersey City yesterday afternoon to effect a temporary organization.

REED has been re-nominated for Congress by the Maine Republicans. A telegram from Portland, Me., dated August 6, says that Hon. Thomas B. Reed was nominated for Congress today by the Republicans of the first district on a rising vote and by acclamation.

THE Sampson Democrat says: "Our Kenansville correspondent states that a certain school in Smith's township, Duplin county, has 46 enrolled scholars of which 30 are Smiths and all the 46 are cousins. This is verily the strong hold of the clan Smith, and they are all Democrats, too. May their tribe increase."

CAPTAIN WILLIAM WILTINGEROD, of the North German Lloyd line, has crossed the Atlantic four hundred times, fourteen hundred thousand miles in all, or sixty times around the earth. He has safely carried two hundred thousand persons and rescued hundreds of persons at sea. This is a record of which any man may be proud.

THERE are many people these days who would like to do justice to themselves and the community in which they live, but for fear that some one may not like it they shrink back. These should remember the words of John Randolph: "My mother taught me on her knee that the fear of God was the beginning of wisdom—that the fear of man was the height of folly."

HON. DAVID B. HILL, of New York, who has immortalized the phrase, "I am a Democrat," is no bolter, even if things did go wrong at the Chicago convention. He is sticking to his old party and will support the nominees. The New York World of yesterday in speaking of Hill and the ticket said: "Senator David B. Hill will support the nominees of the Chicago convention. A formal announcement of his position, it is said, will be made public within a few days."

SPEKE, in his narrative of the journey to the source of the Nile, describes the largest snake that has ever been seen by man. "I shuddered," he says, "as I looked upon the effect of his tremendous dying strength. For yards around where he lay grass, bushes and saplings—in fact, everything except full grown trees—were cut clean off, as if they had been trimmed with an immense scythe. The monster, when measured, was 51 feet 2-3 inches in extreme length, while around the thickest portions of its girth was nearly 3 feet."

THE special correspondent of the Washington Post at St. Louis says: "In nearly all the Western States—more probably in all—the Populists and Democratic electors will be the same men. This is certain to be the case in Kansas and Nebraska, for Jerry Simpson, from the first State and Senator Allen from the second openly admit it. In the mining States and out on the Pacific slope the same plan will be followed. West of the Mississippi and North of the Ohio there will be no votes for Watson. He is but a mummy to catch the Southern vote."

THE DIFFERENCE.

A prominent life-long democrat of an adjoining county was here a few days ago, and in the discussion of the National nominee and the platform, said he hadn't yet gotten his consent to "vote for a man and platform whose purpose it was to bankrupt him and his friends and which had attacked the integrity of the supreme court."

Occupying the position he does—a large holder of notes and mortgages given when a dollar was only worth a dollar, it is not strange he wants the dollar to appreciate to double its value. Of course it would help him, but what about the poor devils such a condition of things would put at his absolute mercy?

As to the attack on the supreme court, it is a matter of record that after a majority had intimated broadly what its decision on the income tax would be, yet when it came to hand down their decision, one member—enough to alter the judgement—had surprisingly and suddenly changed his opinion, and the law was declared unconstitutional.

If either the democratic or populist platforms are to be condemned for attacking the supreme court, what will you say of the scathing rebuke administered to this court by associate Justice Jackson, then and there as they sat upon the bench and cowered as he portrayed the unworthy motives which had actuated, and told them their "action was greater cause of revolution than the French had when the streets of Paris ran red with the best blood of the nation."

ANOTHER CUBAN EXPEDITION.

A telegram from New York dated August 6 says: The American steamship Laurada, of filibustering fame, cleared from Philadelphia some days ago with the usual coastwise clearances. On leaving Philadelphia she had 500 tons of coal extra, and she stopped at Greenwich point and took on more coal. Next she proceeded to Christina Creek, near Wilmington, Del., where she met the tug Martha, and took on 25 men and a large number of cases, many of which it is believed contained dynamite. In addition this war material, she had eight large surf boats in addition to the usual complement of sea boats. The Laurada's final clearance was from Wilmington to port Antonio, in Jamaica, last evening, and is due off the coast of Cuba in four and a half days. Captain Murphy, of filibustering notoriety, is in command of the ship.

It is reported that the government of Great Britain has refused to grant a permit to the Bermuda. Recently the latter was deprived of her British charter for aiding the Cuban rebels.

FAVORS FUSION.

The California Populists are in favor of fusion with the Democrats. The Populist State Executive Committee of that State has issued a manifesto to voters. The nomination of Bryan is endorsed, but Sewall is opposed and Watson is favored for vice-president. The address declares that if the Populists receive honorable and co-operative treatment in State matters by the Democrats they would favor an honorable union to defeat the Republican party.

SOMETIME during last week, says the Concord Standard, Mrs. Isaac Bides, a middle aged lady living at Forest Hill, gave birth to a child having a full set of pearly white teeth. The front ones were unusually large for a small child, and never, with one exception has such a freak of nature been known in this part of the country. The child was otherwise normally developed. The little infant lived only a few days.

ADMIRER OF BRYAN.

"Although I have always been a stalwart Republican, and am still, my admiration for Bryan is not exceeded by that of any Democrat," said Mr. John T. Clarke, one of the leading business men of Omaha, to a Washington Post reporter. "I do say that my liking for the man will carry me to the length of supporting the candidate; but that is just what hundreds of Republicans are going to do in Nebraska. I don't think Bryan will have the least difficulty in carrying the State. With the united efforts of the Democrats and Populists, not to speak of the large Republican vote that will go to him, he will have a comfortable majority. State pride also will cause him to get thousands of votes. I predict that his speech in New York will strengthen him with the whole country. I am satisfied that he will defend the Chicago platform in such a way as to put an entirely different phase on those sections which have been denounced as revolutionary and anarchistic. Bryan himself is as far removed from an anarchist as any man living. If elected President, as I believe he will be, he will administer the government with prudence and wisdom. Those of his critics who have made the absurd charge of anarchy are ignorant of the man. He will always stand for law and order and the preservation of our republican institutions. I don't expect to change my political allegiance, but I say this much as a matter of justice to the Democratic candidate. He is a credit to his State and the nation, and his entire record, private and public, is one that eminently fits him for the high office which his countrymen seem disposed to accord him."

SHOULD BE CHASED OUT.

A man by the name of Jenkins has been stationed for some time at Canton, O., as a correspondent of the New York Press. The following is an extract from his correspondence. William Jennings Bryan is booked to pass through Canton next Monday. His advance agents are already here. One of them is named Robinson. He was once a Yale student—or, perhaps, not a Yale student, but an attendant of the Yale classes. Canton is making preparations for the reception of Mr. Bryan. Eggs are being sold at 16 to 1—16 rotten ones to 1 sound one.

In commenting on the above the Charlotte Observer says: This man is said to have been treated with courtesy and consideration by Mr. McKinley, but if he is allowed to remain in Canton much longer, and write as he has been writing, he will do the republican candidate much more harm than good. This campaign promises to be a clean one. Both candidates are honest candidates with clean lives. McKinley should certainly discountenance such a blather-skite as this correspondent and run him out of town.

DAMAGE TO COTTON.

The Charlotte News in speaking of the excessive hot weather and drought says: "Within the past few days there has been a decided change in the cotton crop prospect of Mecklenburg. On account of the hot, dry weather, the cotton is dropping off at a rapid rate, and unless there is rain within the next ten days, the crop will be decidedly short. Sharon farmers tell the News that only the full grown bolls are holding on. Everything under the size of a half grown boll is dropping off."

A FRENCH paper is authority for the statement that the number of visiting cards printed in the civilized world is about 600,000,000.

HAS HOKE SMITH RESIGNED?

The Washington Post of Sunday morning contained an article in which it stated that it was rumored that Secretary Hoke Smith had resigned. The article is as follows:

"Secretary Hoke Smith's resignation as a member of the cabinet and the head of the Interior Department is said to be in the hands of the president.

The authority for this statement is a close personal friend of Secretary Smith. As the story goes, Secretary Smith forwarded his resignation to the president at Gray Gables on the same day that he authorized the publication in his paper, the Atlanta Journal, of the editorial, declaring that that paper would support Bryan & Sewall, although deprecating the platform upon which they were nominated.

In his letter to the president, it is said that Secretary Smith announced the position that he was going to assume, pointed out that he had during the campaign in Georgia given a solemn pledge that he would abide by the action of the Chicago convention, and then went on to say that he felt that he could not, in justice to the president, longer remain in his cabinet.

While Secretary Smith is not here either to affirm or deny the story and while he has maintained a persistent silence toward the public on this question, the suggestion that he has already placed his Interior Department portfolio at the disposal of the president is believed here to be correct. The question is, what will the president do about it? If the president maintains his present policy of silence and apparent indifference toward the independent sound money movement, as well as the Chicago ticket, and at the same time takes no action upon Mr. Smith's resignation, it is believed here that the secretary will serve out his time in the cabinet.

But if the president makes any public declaration whether in behalf of a democratic sound money ticket or advising his friends to adopt the more direct method of voting for McKinley or even if he should come out in a public denunciation of Bryan and Sewall and their platform it is believed that Secretary Smith will compel the acceptance of his resignation, and that he will retire to his Georgia home and take part in campaign.

NATIONAL BANK FAILS.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 6.—The American National bank closed its doors this morning. No statement of the extent of the failure can be made until the books have been examined. The bank was unable last night to meet its engagements with the clearing house. It had on July 1st deposits of \$535,000; no business firm or other bank has been affected by the embarrassment of the American National Bank. The bank is about five years old.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Acting Comptroller Coffin has directed Bank Examiner Johnston to assume charge of the failed American National Bank, of New Orleans. Examiner Burgwyn will relieve Mr. Johnston as soon as he arrives at New Orleans.

The Belgians are careful of their historic souvenirs. In the front of a house situated in the Faubourg de Shaerbuch, in Brussels, there is to be seen half buried in the pitster a cannon ball which was fired from a Dutch cannon at the period of the revolution of 1830 and has ever since been permitted to remain. Recently it was determined to restore and refront the house, and it was decided to make the repairs without disturbing the cannon ball.

A Terrible Mistake.

Mr. Mike Bird, baggage master on the Carolina Central, is in a bad fix. Several days ago a jug was put on his train at Shelby, which he was told contained mineral water. After leaving Shelby Mr. Bird got thirsty and concluded to take a drink of the water in the jug. He turned it up to his mouth, but in an instant dropped the jug like it had been fire, and in another instant was in excruciating agony. The jug did not contain water but a powerful acid. Wherever it touched his mouth or face, the flesh turned perfectly white. Mr. Bird suffered terribly. At Cherrylville the train was held until a doctor could be gotten. Fortunately he did not swallow any of the acid, realizing as soon as he took it into his mouth that it was not water.—Charlotte Observer.

RIGHT in the face of the fact that Herr Most has come out for the gold standard, probably because it is a breeder of social and industrial discontent, the New York Mail and Express, with that dignity of language that characterizes the elect, who embody all the wisdom and virtue, declares "the anarchists, the revolutionists, the incendiaries and the loafers will vote for Bryan." That is right, says the Oxford Ledger, keep up the campaign of blackguardism. It is so convincing. It demonstrates the clear and undoubted right of those using such language to rule this happy land. Push on the war of hard names. It makes votes for Bryan and Sewall.

The Washington Times professes to believe that a movement is on foot between the National Committees of the Democratic and Populist parties to take down Sewall and Watson as candidates for the vice-president, and put up Sibley of Pa., as the compromise candidate. This would be a very happy arrangement, but we fail to see what authority the committees have to set aside the action of the conventions.

Judge Spier Whitaker, of Mrs. Pattie P. B. Arrington fame, who aspires with expert finesse to the impossibility of getting the nomination for Governor, succeeded at the Wake county Populist Convention on last Saturday, in having a resolution endorsing Major Guthrie tabled. The ex-Judge will find out he is not dealing with a petulant old woman this time.

WHILE the political complications are much and seriously mixed, it is evident to the student of history who judges the future by the past that the situation has resolved itself into the question of Bryan and free silver, or the most horrible war of modern times. This is straight goods.

"THEY call that man statesman," said William J. Bryan in House of Representatives, "whose ears is turned to catch the slightest pulsation of a pocket book, and denounce as a demagogue any one who dares to listen to the heart-beat of humanity."

THE New York Journal has coined a new word—"Hannaite"—and defines it thus: "Hannaite: A Democrat, who, influenced by the principles enunciated by Mark Hanna, abandons his party and votes for the Republican Presidential candidate.—A. D., 1896.

A MUSEUM in Berlin has secured possession of Luther's Bible which he used in his study. Its margins are covered with notes in the reformer's hand-writing. It was printed in Basle in 1509, and is in excellent state of preservation.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

ONE thing is certain, if the silver forces combine, they carry the country and elect Bryan. If their forces divide, McKinley will get a majority of the electoral vote.

RECENT weather has given sinners a small fore taste of what may be expected in that land to which they are traveling, designated by recent mock modest translators as "Sheol."

SPEAKER REED says that free coinage will make prices of products go up. Thank you for the admission Tommie. That is what the people want and will vote for.

THE News and Observer says: Mr. Louis de La Croix is at Indianapolis to represent the North Carolina bolting gold men. This will not give the electoral vote of North Carolina to the bolters.

WHERE is Wallingham, N. C.? We see from the New York World of the 7th inst. that "Louis D. Lacoix, of Wallingham," is the North Carolina delegate to the convention at Indianapolis, of the "Provisional National Committee of the sound money Democrats."

THE Atlanta Constitution says that a negro preacher in addressing his flock on "miracles," said: My beloved friends, de greatest of all miracles was 'bout de loves and fishes. Dey way 5,000 loaves and 2,000 fishes, an de twelve postles had to eat 'em all. De miracle is dey didn't bust."

IT APPEARS that Newbern is now the principal port of entry for gold bug ideas for the North Carolina democracy. About 100 of the party met there the other night and repudiated the Chicago platform. It is to be hoped a silver tidal wave will strike the town and salt these fresh fish.

How Cleveland, Carlisle & Co., can claim that the free coinage of silver is undemocratic when it has been a strong plank in the party platform for twenty years, when these men have personally advocated it, and gotten office by its advocacy, is more than the honest man of ordinary capacity can understand.

DROWNED in Roanoke River. ROANOKE, Va., Aug. 6.—Three boys, James Peage, Wiley Ludwig and Clarence Barrick, aged 12, 14, and 15 years, respectively, were drowned today in Roanoke river while bathing. A number of other boys were in the river at the time, and gave the alarm. The bodies were recovered by a fishing party a short time afterwards.

THERE is more Catarrh in this section of the country than any other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. Cheney, Toledo, O.—Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old People find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at R. Blacknall Drug Store.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thomas Eggers, 139 Florida St. San Francisco, suffers from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which those are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at R. Blacknall & Son's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

Firemen's Association.

The annual convention and tournament of the North Carolina state firemen held at Salisbury, August 19-21, 1896.

For the above occasion rates have been authorized by the Southern railway on the extreme low basis of tariff one circular \$174, tickets on sale August 17-18 19, final limit August 23d, applying to organized bodies of firemen and the general public alike.

The following will show round-trip rates from points indicated: Charlotte, \$3.80; Danville, \$3.75; Durham, \$3.95; Gastonia, \$2.60; Greensboro, \$2.50; Goldsboro, \$5.05; Selma, \$5.55; Hickory \$2.40; Henderson, \$5.25; Marion, \$3.75; Newton, \$2.00; Raleigh, \$4.85; Rural Hall, \$3.60; Winston-Salem, \$5.10. W. A. TURK, General Passenger Agent.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trail will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by R. Blacknall & Son, Druggist.

All Free.

Those who have used Dr. King's New Discovery know its value, and those who have not, have now the opportunity to try it free. Call on the advertised Druggist and get a Trial Bottle, Free. Send your name and address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills Free, as well as a copy of Guide to Health and Household Instructor, Free. All of which is guaranteed to do you good and cost you nothing. R. Blacknall & Son's Drug store.

Ninety Per Cent.

Of all the people need to take a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla at this season to prevent that run-down and debilitated condition which invites disease. The money invested in half a dozen bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla will come back with large returns in the health and vigor of body and strength of nerves. Hood's Pills are easy to buy, easy to take, easy to operate. Cure all liver ills. 25c.