

OUR LOCAL OPTIC.

Goldboro and Vicinity History in Brief, Epitome of Sayings and Doings, Wise and Otherwise, Run Down and Run in by Omnipresent Ubiquitous, Local "Grand Rounds."

Strawberries, 15c. or 2 for a 1. Strawberry shortcake now. O-G-H. The letter of Col. A. M. Waddell, appearing in the editorial columns of this issue, has the entire approval of THE ARGUS.

The United States IS (we are a nation) in the position of "The youth who fired the Episcopalian dome outlived in fame the pious fool who reared it."

The soliciting committee of the Goldsboro Rifles are securing recruits for the volunteer army. They intend to have the full number of 84 before they leave for Raleigh.

The Argus bulletin board is in front of Griffin's news stand, in the Kennon hotel building. A synopsis of the dispatches relative to the war, is posted as fast as received, typewritten. For full details take the Argus.

Goldsboro is to have telephone connection with Wilmington and the poles are now being distributed along the county roads. It is probable that the line will be completed by the middle of July.

The following marriage licenses have been issued for the week ending April 27: White-J. E. Jinnell to Isabelle Cor Nathan Sellers; Mollie E. Aycock, colored-Charles Bennett to Sarah Williams.

An old colored man and his wife and a pair of twins were to take the train Saturday evening for Dudley. The wife got on the train and left the twins in a baby carriage for the old man to look after. Before the old fellow could get his twins and the carriage about the train platform, one of the crowd who surrounded him snatched the old man's charge. He was in trouble.

Mr. J. H. Hettlemann, brother in law of Mr. M. Sherman, of this city, who prior to his moving here was a member of the famous Fifth Maryland Regiment, left for Baltimore to join his old command and to go to the war. One of the companies of the Fifth Maryland is made up exclusively of Jews, and this is the company to which Mr. Hettlemann belongs, and which has volunteered in a body for the service.

Mr. Nathan Sellers, timekeeper for the Enterprise Lumber Company, left this afternoon for Fremont, where he will wed Miss Mollie E. Aycock, of that town, to-night. The prospective bride is the daughter of the late J. T. Aycock and has a number of friends who will be present to witness the ceremony to-night. Mr. Sellers will bring his bride to live in Goldsboro, where he has a host of friends who wish them both long life and happiness always.

Dr. Louis H. Matthez, of New York, a noted oculo-optician of the Metropolis, arrived in the city this morning, and has taken a suite of rooms at the Hotel Kennon. It is not often, and perhaps not before, that Goldsboro has so eminent a specialist in her midst, and the fact that he is here should at once be taken advantage of by such of our citizens as may be suffering from any affection of the eyes, requiring optical assistance. A preliminary examination is made in each case, without charge, and conditions and costs stated; then remaining at the option of the patient whether to have his service or not.

This is the season of the year when the memory of the grown generation flits back in wavering flight along the years to linger lovingly amid scenes of springtime when their own life was young. Indeed, spring and childhood. Nature's youth and life's too, go hand in hand; the former appeals persuasively to the latter; so that with the exit of the despot days of winter which drove the children within doors, and the advent of the halcyon days of spring which beckon them to come out, the despot days of our city present a joyous spectacle of spontaneous healthy, active childhood, and the chatter of childish voices blends happily with the chirrup of birds, and young laughter leaps lightly upward in the sunshine-laden air.

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There are four negro regiments in the United States army—the 24th and 25th infantry and 9th and 10th cavalry. The officers of these regiments are all white.

AS TO MR. BRYAN'S LETTER

Elsewhere in this issue we publish a letter from Hon. W. J. Bryan, late Democratic-Populist candidate for President of the United States. And in this State in that campaign we had the anomalous spectacle of Democrats and Populists voting together, under "Fusion," (God save the mark.) for a President whom we lost, and Populists and Republicans voting together, under "Fusion," for State and county officers, from township constable to Governor; and Democratic defeat followed all along the line.

In consequence of that Republican-Populist fusion on the State and county tickets, the Democrats lost the Legislature, lost largely the county offices, lost control of the State, and the wicked rule in North Carolina and the people mourn. And now comes Mr. Bryan and presumes to know the situation and understand the sentiment of Democrats in North Carolina and essays to counsel us as to how we shall conduct our State campaign this year—an "off year" at that, with no national issues involved.

And aside from this, there is not a single principle of sound political ethics that is not outplayed by fusion—or "co-operation." If you prefer the latter and more cooling term,

Mr. Bryan speaks in his letter of Chairman Jones and Mr. Butler (meaning our own Mary Ann) having conferred together, and as acting together. Does Mr. Bryan know that this has the effect upon North Carolina Democrats of causing them to feel that Mr. Jones should be subjected to the most pungent, permeating and estranging ablutation before he can again be considered clean by North Carolina Democrats.

Does Mr. Bryan not know that Marion Butler occupies the seat of the great Ransom in the United States Senate, and Pritchard that of the immortal Vance by reason of his (Butler's) dicker and trading with Republicans—by his (Butler's) "co-operation"?

Does Mr. Bryan not know that Marion Butler stands before the people of North Carolina as the embodiment of treachery, the synonym of perfidy and convicted of uttering in a public speech at Rocky Mount, of publishing prior to that in his paper, and of voicing in his Senatorial committee room the most villainous slander against the Democrats of North Carolina that was ever put into words or conceived in the brain of a demon?

Mr. Bryan talks about what Populists did in the "hour of need." Was not Mr. Bryan their nominee and entitled to their votes?

What did Populists do in the hour of Democratic need in North Carolina? They gave their votes to the Republican ticket from the lowest to the highest office, negro justices of the peace and all.

Does Mr. Bryan not know that there is not a so-called "gold Democrat" in North Carolina who did not vote the entire Democratic ticket in the last election?

Does Mr. Bryan not know that there is not a single Populist in North Carolina who did not vote the Populist-Republican fusion ticket?

Does Mr. Bryan not know that North Carolina today is ruled by a Republican-Populist regime that is the rottenest spectacle that ever confronted a people? "The Chicago platform grows stronger every day," says Mr. Bryan. If that be true, why then the need of so many parties in support of it? Why the need of so much co-operation? Why not everybody in favor of it get on that platform and stay there? Why so many warring parties with a common principle? Is not the Chicago platform the Democratic platform? Then let's stand by it and for it as the party of Jefferson and the champion of honest manhood and heroic patriotism, and let all others come to us who will.

Hood's Pills. Stimulate the stomach, cleanse the liver, cure biliousness, nervous headache, dizziness, sour stomach, constipation, etc. Price 2 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Modistes are now preparing in black some refined and elegant costumes for wear during the present season, which will be serviceable also during the entire summer. At Newbern strawberries are retailing at 15 cents per basket; two for 25 cents.

W. J. BRYAN ON FUSION.

The following letter from Mr. W. J. Bryan to Mr. Josephus Daniels, National Committeeman from North Carolina, appears in the Raleigh News and Observer to-day:

"Owing to the pressure of other engagements, my conference with you at Washington was very brief, and I write you now, lest I may not have sufficiently emphasized the importance of co-operation in North Carolina.

If the action of the party in your State concerned the people of your State only, I would not venture an opinion; but the action of your State will have its influence on national politics, and will help or hinder that co-operation upon which, must ultimately win the fight for bi-metalism.

Senators Jones and Butler, and Ex Congressman Towne, acting for the three committees, have called upon the reform forces to unite for the campaign of 1898, and in my judgment that co-operation is both wise and necessary. When the Democratic party adopted the Chicago platform and became the champion of the great common people, the gold Democrats deserted the party, and gave direct or indirect support to the Republican ticket. In the hour of need the Populists and silver Republicans came to the rescue. Shall we repulse these friends now in order to conciliate gold Democrats? If the returning Democrats have been converted and are now in sympathy with the Chicago platform, they will favor such co-operation as will give success to that platform; if they are only acting with the party now in order to make a future desertion more hurtful to the party, they ought not to be permitted to alienate our real friends.

Mr. Carlisle, in 1878, denounced the gold standard conspiracy as the most gigantic crime of all the ages; in the presence of such a conspiracy, personal considerations should give way to patriotism. For the President to re-very the aid of Democrats in meeting the attack of the Spanish would be no greater blunder than for the Democrats to refuse co-operation with Populists and silver Republicans in overthrowing foreign domination in our financial affairs.

Co-operation is supported by the three National organizations, and a failure to carry out this plan in one State makes co-operation in other States more difficult. If our forces are to fight each other rather than the common enemy, let not the blame rest upon those who are devoted to Democracy as defined in the Chicago platform. Co-operation requires charity and liberality of opinion upon the part of all concerned, but I feel sure that a clear realization of the evils of the gold standard and an earnest desire for the restoration of bi-metalism will harmonize all differences.

The Chicago platform grows stronger every day, and our opponents can only hope for victory through a division of our forces.

Yours truly, W. J. BRYAN.

Mr. Jesse Southerland, the venerable father of our esteemed townsman R. J. Southerland, Sr., died at his home in Duplin county Monday morning at 4 o'clock. He had been in failing health for some time but reached the ripe old age of 83 years. Mr. Southerland was one of the oldest landmarks of Duplin, and one of its staunchest and best citizens. He will be greatly missed from his community, and his many friends wish to express their sorrow for the bereaved family and relatives.

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MT. OLIVE LETTER

A Condensed Chronicling of the Events that Transpire in That Town and Section.

ARGUS BUREAU, JNO. R. SMITH, Mgr. April, 27 1898.

Mr. F. M. Tomlinson, of Goldsboro, has accepted a position at the Racket Store.

Mr. Geo. R. Williams came home Saturday from Horner's School, of Oxford.

Prof. M. W. Ball and wife left Wednesday for LaGrange, where they will spend a portion of their vacation.

Mr. R. Kornegay's team backed up and got into a 10 foot ditch Friday morning while out at his farm; there was no damage done.

Mr. J. G. Martin set out 7 acres in tobacco Tuesday. This is the first of the season and Mr. Martin says this is the earliest he ever set any out.

Prof. Ball's school closed Friday and he gave his scholars a picnic at North East church, about one mile and a half from town. The children report a joyful day.

The berry shipping is getting quite lively here now, and it is expected to increase daily until we reach about four thousand crates per day, or probably more, as we reached that many last season.

Paris Green for killing potato bugs, is the most effectual remedy that has ever been used in this section. You should commence to use it at the first appearance of the bugs. For sale at John R. Smith's Drug store.

While at Faison Saturday, Mr. M. T. Breazeale, manager of the refrigerator line, was struck severely over the head and knocked off the platform from which he was unconscious for awhile. It seems that Capt. John Cotton just previous to this had some trouble with a crowd of loafers who were continuously hanging around and in the way. The negro that struck Mr. Breazeale made his escape. His name was Faison Smith.

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Washington, D. C. I found Paine's Celery Compound and excellent remedy for Rheumatism. With best wishes from Mrs. J. C. Pritchard. 1820 I St. A. H.

Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina became prominent in the co-operative movement in North Carolina, the success of which resulted in his election to the U. S. Senate by the term of the late Senator Z. B. Vance. He was re-elected to the Senate in 1897. Mrs. Pritchard's testimonial to her faith in Paine's celery compound is reproduced above. Below is a testimonial received from the wife of U. S. Senator Warren of Wyoming, whose distinguished services for the country's best farming interests are so well known. "I was persuaded to try your Paine's celery compound in the early spring, when in a very run-down condition. The duties devolving upon the wife of an official in public life are naturally very exhausting, and I was tired out and nervous when I commenced using the remedy. I take pleasure in testifying to the general benefit I received from its use, and can truthfully say that I am in almost perfect health again. If I ever find myself running down again, I shall certainly give it another trial, and will in the meantime recommend it to every one needing it." It is now time, if ever, to get health and strength. Nothing should now interfere with building up weakened nerves and purifying the blood. Now is the time of year when rheumatism and neuralgia must be cured, when debility and nervousness must be checked, when bad health must be mended—if one hopes ever to get well. It is not that rheumatism, neuralgia, insomnia, and kidney troubles are hard to cure—Paine's celery compound has made a host of sufferers well, but people make themselves chronic invalids by neglecting the early symptoms of disease. Thousands of lives that are now

fast wearing out would be prolonged if Paine's celery compound were in each instance used to stop those ominous pains over the kidneys, to build up the run-down, nervous strength, and cure permanently those more and more frequently recurring attacks of headache and indigestion.



WALTER LETTER

A Condensed Chronicling of a Week's Happenings. Walter, N. C., April 25, '98. Dear ARGUS:—The recent rains have interfered very much with planting cotton, but has benefited corn, and truck, especially beans and Irish potatoes. Our truckers have commenced shipping peas, and from present prospects there will be an abundance of them shipped from our section. The streams around here are scarcer of fish than usual, but we trust the rains will enable them to head this way more frequently. Mr. Richard Langley had the misfortune to lose a fine horse last Thursday evening while on his way from town. The regular quarterly meeting of Friends convened at Nahunta church last Saturday and Sunday. There was a large crowd present, especially on Sunday, when half the crowd could not get seats. The Sunday school convention which meets at Pine Forest next Saturday promises to be an interesting meeting. Besides the many other attractive features, we learn that Rev. Gilbreath's singing class will be present, which will add very much to the pleasure of the occasion. During the hail storm last week Mrs. Milly Swinson's horse ran with her, and but for a patent attachment on the shafts, for un hitching, by pulling a cord attached to the dash board, she might have been seriously injured. She pulled the cord and let the horse out.

At a meeting of the Civil Service Commission in the United States building at Harrisburg, Penn., 146 persons were examined, among them thirteen ladies. Eighty-five took the examination for the railway service. The remainder were examined as stenographers, typewriters, bookbinders and compositors. In taxing tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, the new law will contain a special provision which will result in the increase in tax being collected from all wholesale and retail dealers in whose hands these products may be found when it goes into effect. Dr. Miller's Nerve Restorer cures RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, BRUISES, BURNS, WEAKE BACKS, etc. Druggists, only 25c.

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