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We had supposed the loving cup, now that J. E. Avery is gone, would go to J. C. McNeill or H. E. C. Bryant or Clarence H. Poe or to others we will not name. J. C. McNeill bore off the trophy. The editor in chief of the Charlotte Observer always displays nice judgment in his choice of co-laborers. This explains largely the excellence of the paper. We congratulate the winner of this prize and also the Observer corps. It is really no mean honor. There are doubtless great capabilities in this victor. May his pen give to the world productions that grow finer as the years go by. There is much fine literary work that does little for the betterment of man. May his scholarly productions be the form for the diffusions of thoughts and sentiments that live to uplift and bless, those living now and those to live hereafter. A keen sense of what is in itself right and an indomitable purpose to impress it upon the minds and hearts of our fellows and make it dominant in public and private life is the pre-eminent quality demanded by writers for all time.

If the Clansman, as a drama, should live through generations not yet born and do so with increasing appreciation by the world at large and by artists as well it would be only history repeating itself. The fate of dramas now recognized by all as classics was scathing criticism and cruel predictions of their doom when they first appeared. We have no personal knowledge of the Clansman. Our opinions are tentative and ready for change at the dawn of more light for they are formed by reading behind and between the lines as well as the lines themselves that others have written. There must be a lack of nicety of conception and form in it that mars it. The dash and excitement of the thrilling events rising to dreadful and rending climax has wrought a painful unmindfulness of details that make up a needless detraction. We would not say it is coarse and boorish, but it does not measure up to the standard that is congenial to the nicest esthetic instincts. We do not feel impressed with the objection that it stirs afresh the fires of the years just after the war. If it is real facts that are dramatized let the real story of those dark days be perpetuated. But how the representation of the base lusts of the negro that excited the people and kept them, men and women, in a state of fearfulness so long could be made so popular without demoralizing and indecent parts is hard to understand.

The speeches of the president are readable. One feels as he reads them that they are the speeches of a writer rather than speeches of a talker. They are clear statements. Nobody who understands the meaning of language at all can fail to understand him. His addresses on his tour of the South are very good of the kind. It is a hard sort to make. Daniel Webster could not make them at all. Yet he was almost peerless in argument before the Supreme Court or on a great question in the United States Senate. The president deals in fundamentals. And his first principles are sound. His audiences are pleased with his applications. The ethics of his addresses are all that any American could wish. He has mastered to a degree the basic doctrines of the fathers who laid the foundations and reared the fabric of our republic. And there is a popular tone in what he says about the flag. A patriotic fervor runs through all his talks. It is pleasing to note ample and becoming dignity in all his utterances. He pitches what he says upon a high key and speaks in every respect as all might expect the president of the United States to speak.

It is a bold saying of those who are led captive even by the Devil in his will that the replacement of the canteen in the army is needed to effect necessary discipline, arrest the evil of desertion

and bring about greater contentment in army life. If this reversal of the policy of the government should be the only remedy then we are left of necessity with a poor opinion of our army. We have found in our experience or observation that whiskey is always disorganizing and the greatest antagonist to law and order. It makes a brute of the drinker, weakens his body and by degrees stupifies his mind. One is unfitted for the work of a soldier in proportion to the amount of whiskey he drinks. It is a poor army indeed in which contentment is produced and desertion arrested by giving access to intoxicating drinks. Yet strangely enough there are army officers who argue for the return of the canteen by congress on these false grounds. We hardly think Congress will be influenced to reverse its later legislation excluding the canteen from army life by any such senseless and heartless clamor.

Farmers may not have yet learned to do what they will have to learn to do by and by, the stern habit of unwavering co-operation in real co-organization for their protection, yet they are learning to work together in an important sense as shown in the unanimity with which they are holding their cotton since the price dropped below ten cents. Business is brought almost to a standstill. The reason for it is that no cotton is moving. Yet nobody is alarmed. Enough information is diffused to satisfy the farmers that less than ten cents is too little for their cotton and they can get that or more by holding it. The merchants are ready to credit him who has unsold and unnumbered cotton. The concerted action at this particular time shows what is possible. Education is always by degrees. The processes of such education is notably slow. But it occurs to us the farmers are learning very fast. The day will surely come that the eyes of the world will be turned to the cotton planter of the South as to no other living man and he will be then one of the most independent and prosperous on earth.

Elrod Dots.

There will be "Rally Day" services at Purvis next Sunday morning, exercises beginning at 10:30.

Miss Ora Paul and Laura Dick were in Rowland Thursday shopping.

Mrs. S. Hall has returned from the hospital at Fayetteville. We are sorry to say that she is not very much improved.

Mr. McRae and family, of Pates, spent Sunday at Mr. L. W. Bullard's.

Messrs. C. T. Pate and Walter Bridgers attended the State Fair last week.

Mr. Shaw, of Washington, N. C., was in our community last week.

Mr. Bascom Ashley, of Red Springs, was visiting relatives here Friday and Saturday.

Mr. L. W. Bullard and Miss Ora Paul attended communion services at Raynham Sunday.

Mrs. Julian Hubbard, of Judson, S. C., is visiting her father, Mr. D. A. Paul, near Purvis.

The names of the following children were on "honor roll" this month: Juliet Bullard, Frankie Pipkin, Mae and Loreanna McCall, Mary Holcomb, Edith Bridgers, Lela Bullard, Lula McCaskill, Lynsday Norment, Eddie, and Marvin Adams, Zeb McCall, Sam Bridgers, Ethel Stubbs, Pearl Adams and Venton Bridgers.

The president's trip through the South has been one of pleasure and benefit, both to himself and to our people. He was greeted with utmost cordiality at all points, which he eagerly met half way. He seems to have made a most favorable impression on all with whom he was associated.

Spark's circus, we understand, is billed for Lumberton Nov. 10.

The N. C. Synod in Session.

A special to the Charlotte Observer of Tuesday contains the following with regard to the Synod at Red Springs in session this week:

The Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina met in the Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music this morning at 11 o'clock and was opened with a sermon by the retiring moderator. In all the 92 years of its corporate existence, this is to be a unique experience for the Synod, to meet as the guest of an institution of learning and to be entertained under one roof. The girls of the school are being entertained this week in the houses of the town. The large and spacious assembly hall affords ample accommodations for the daily sessions, while there is an abundance of lecture rooms convenient for committee work.

The opening sermon of the Synod was preached by the Rev. R. L. Grier, D. D., of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the retiring moderator. Dr. Grier is not only a man of scholarship and very strong intellectual powers, but is a speaker of great force, graceful and eloquent. After the opening sermon the retiring moderator called the Synod to order and constituted the meeting with prayer.

The roll of ministers and churches was called by the Stated Clerk of Synod, Rev. D. I. Craig, D. D., of Reidsville. Only about 100 of the ministers and ruling elders were present. Many more will probably come in this afternoon and tonight.

The election of a moderator being in order, the name of Mr. George W. Watts, of Durham, was presented for this office by Dr. Jethro Ruple, of Salisbury, and upon motion Mr. Watts' election was made unanimous and by acclamation. Mr. Watts is a ruling elder in the church at Durham and well-known throughout the State. The Synod did well to lay this, its highest honor, upon one so eminently deserving of honor. Mr. Watts is thoroughly acquainted with the work of the church courts and bids fair to preside over the Synod with distinguished grace and efficiency.

Rev. C. E. Hodgkin, of Greensboro, and Rev. D. McIver, of Wadesboro, were elected temporary clerks.

The first order of the afternoon session was an address by Rev. A. L. Philips, D. D., the assembly's superintendent of Sabbath schools and young people's societies.

After Dr. Philips' address the Synod heard an address by Dr. T. H. Law, representing the American Bible Society.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Albemarle, called during the session of Synod today, a letter of dismission was granted to the Rev. F. G. Hartman, transferring him to the Presbytery of East Alabama. Mr. Hartman was formerly pastor of the church at Greenville, N. C. At this meeting Mr. F. W. Viehe was received as a candidate for the ministry from the Presbytery of Atlanta, and was examined with a view to licensure. The examinations were sustained in the various parts of trial and Mr. Viehe was licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer. He will labor at Greenville, N. C., also supplying the churches La Grange and Falkland.

Mr. T. S. Grayard moved his household goods to McDonalds Tuesday, where he will reside in the future. His little son, Bernice, will live with him. His young daughter, Donnie, has gone to Richmond, Va., where she will spend some time with an aunt.

Parkton Items.

On the evening of October 18th, Miss Mary Bethune Hughes and Mr. Collier Cobb were united in marriage in the Presbyterian church at this place; Rev. Mr. Pace, of Red Springs, officiating. The church was most tastefully and beautifully decorated with evergreens, goldenrods and roses and crowded to overflowing. The bride is the popular and accomplished daughter of Dr. Daniel Hughes, of this place. The groom, son of Col. Stephen Cobb (well known in Robeson county) and a prosperous young merchant of this place. Both bride and groom have a host of friends and relatives in this section, who wish them all the happiness and pleasure possible to human life. They were the recipients of many very valuable and beautiful presents attesting the high esteem and love in which they are held. The ushers were Messrs. Simmie Underwood and Donald McCormack—waiters, P. H. Fisher, best man; Miss Mary Janet McNeill, maid of honor; Miss Mary Alice Malloy with Prof. D. L. McBryde; Miss Mae Cobb with J. A. Johnson; Miss Treva Malloy with J. J. Cobb; Miss Mary McArthur with J. B. Malloy. After the ceremony the wedding party and many invited guests repaired to the home of the bride, father, Dr. Hughes, and enjoyed a most sumptuous repast of good things not soon to be forgotten by this scribe and others that participated. Congratulations were passed and good wishes expressed for continued happiness and health.

Mr. J. C. D. McNatt returned home from California this week. He says he enjoyed his trip very much.

The Methodist church is nearly complete. A revival meeting is announced beginning next Sunday. Rev. Mr. Tuttle, of Fayetteville, is to assist the Pastor Mr. Eddie Welch.

Misses Maggie and Recca Ward, of Lumberton, were visitors at the Cobb-Hughes wedding. We learn they are students in the Red Springs Conservatory of Music.

Our new school building is nearly complete and when complete will be a comfortable and commodious building. Prof. D. L. McBryde has a flourishing school. He is assisted by Miss Julia Elan, of Virginia, and Miss Lucy Pender, of Hendersonville, N. C. They are enthusiastic in their work and giving satisfaction to their patrons. Miss Pender has a large class in music. This school district contains about 200 pupils of public school age.

Mr. Gilbert C. Hughes, of Perry Fla., is a visitor among his old friends.

Little Cathrine, daughter of H. C. McMillan, who has been so very low, we are glad to say is much better.

Miss Mary Lou Culbreth at this writing, is very sick.

Ex-Governor Aycock, was the star speaker in Baltimore, Tuesday night, at the biggest Democratic rally of the campaign. Thousands were present, and their applause of his speech was enthusiastic. He said: "No white man has ever been disfranchised by the North Carolina amendment. It has removed the negro issue and given my State clean white man's politics." He pointed to a number of Southern States and called on Maryland to fall in line. He said: "The truth is, you cannot disfranchise the white man anywhere, except in the good old radical city of Philadelphia."

Pembroke Items.

Miss Ella MacIntyre, of Rennert, is visiting Misses Lennie and Nina Lawler.

Miss Maud Vaughtan, of Emporia, Va., who has been spending some time with her sister, Mr. Wrenn, has returned home.

Mr. Hec. Brown is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Franklin reports a delightful time at the State Fair last week.

Mrs. G. W. Wrenn is visiting at her old home, Bellfield, Va., this week.

Dr. Ernest Crumpler attended the Horse Show at Norfolk, Va., last week.

Mr. C. T. Lawler and family spent Monday at Rennert.

Wedding bells will soon ring in Pembroke. What do you say about it, Madame Rumor?

Mr. Sam Stuart has returned from a visit to friends in Fayetteville.

Mrs. Manda Nash, of Lumberton, and Mrs. Prior, of Red Springs, are visiting Mrs. Charlie Stuart.

Mr. Owen Stanley, of Four Oaks, was greeting his old friends here last week.

There will be prayer services here Sunday night. Everybody is invited to attend.

A Rothschild Funeral.

Vance Thompson, in Everybody's Magazine for November, describes, in "The Rothschilds of France," the pageantry of Baron Arthur Rothschild's funeral.

"The Baron Arthur," says Mr. Thompson, "watch weakling; he was unregarded in his lifetime; the newspapers said he died by his own hand; but his funeral served to illustrate the family magnificence and social power."

All traffic was stopped in the main thoroughfares of the city through which the procession passed. For hours the heart of Paris ceased to beat. Business ceased. Teams and buses were arrested. Hour after hour the long funeral crept through the boulevards while Paris looked on in wonder. The same Paris had seen the old poet, Victor Hugo, borne to his grave in a pauper's cart. The dead Baron went with medieval pomp, though he was but a nephew of the house. Came first three coaches with the rabbins. Then the hearse, with great plumes, drawn by eight horses in sable cloths. Then the house servants; butlers in white silk stockings; ushers in gilt chains and livery; valets, coachmen footmen, stable buglers, masters of hounds and horses in pink; guards and beaters of the preserves, and, conspicuous, the huntsmen, leading in leash the Baron's favorite hounds—and the hounds leaped in leash and bayed; followed, too, his farmers and the peasants of his fields; and with all went the Family, and, in a mile of carriages, the aristocracy of France paid homage; with such pomp the Baron was taken to the grave; and the earth was laid upon him and he slept.

"Such anecdotes are really documents of the social life of the epoch."

Miss Thesia Carlyle, of Saddle Tree township, spent Wednesday here with relatives.

Mr. J. C. Birmingham, with his young daughter, Ellie Maie, of Laurinburg, visited his son, Mr. R. C. Birmingham, Sunday.

Charles King's Comedy Company were advertised to play here Thursday and Friday nights of this week, but canceled the engagement.

Mr. Crawford Lamb Married.

Mr. Crawford Lamb, son of ex-Senator J. M. Lamb, was married on the 18th inst. at Walterboro, S. C., to Miss Edna Sellers, a charming and popular young lady of that place.

Mr. Lamb and his bride passed through here last week on their honeymoon trip North. They will arrive in Fayetteville on their return the latter part of this week, and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lamb, on Haymount. Miss Katie Lamb and Mr. J. M. Lamb, Jr., of this city, attended the wedding.

Mr. Crawford Lamb, who is one of the A. C. L.'s most popular conductors, has a host of friends here, who wish him and his bride abundant happiness through life.—Fayetteville Observer.

Summons has been issued in the Superior court of Henderson county, in a suit brought by H. S. Anderson, a prominent Republican, who at one time represented his county in the State Senate, and who last week published an open letter to the Republicans of the State, attacking the State organization for its newly found friendship for Marion Butler, Republican State Chairman Rollins, Collector Harkins, District Attorney Holton and Marshal Millikan. Anderson will allege that when he was making an effort to get the appointment to the office of collector, of Fifth District, he was asked to withdraw in favor of Harkins, and was assured that he should be given another position equally as good. This assurance was written down five years ago. The suit is for \$20,000.

In his speech to the students of Tuskegee College, in Alabama, the president said: "In the interest of humanity, of justice and of self protection, every white man in America, no matter where he lives, should try to help the negro help himself. It is not only the duty of the white man, but it is to his interest, to see that the negro is protected in property, in life, and in all his legal rights. Every time a law is broken every individual in the community has the moral tone of his life lowered. I heartily appreciate what you have done at Tuskegee, and I am sure you will not grudge my saying that it could not possibly have been done save for the loyal support you have received from the white people round about.

You young colored men and women educated at Tuskegee must by precept and example lead your fellows toward sober, industrious, law-abiding lives. You are in honor bound to join hands in favor of law and order and to war against all crime and especially against all crime by men of your own race, for the heaviest wrong done by the criminal is the wrong to his own race. You must teach the people of your race that they must scrupulously observe any contract into which they in good faith enter, no matter whether it is hard to keep or not. If you save money, secure homes, become taxpayers and lead decent, modest lives, you will win the respect of your neighbors of both races.

The destiny of the race is chiefly in its own hands and must be worked out patiently and persistently along these lines. Remember also that the white man who can be of most use to the colored man is that colored man's neighbor. It is the Southern people themselves who must and can solve the difficulties that exist in the South. Of course what help the people of the rest of the Union can give them must and will be gladly and cheerfully given.