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BRYAN AND DEMOCRACY.

A Pen Picture of the Democratic Candidate for President—When Virginia Will Vote for Taft—Mr. A. Davis Contributes to the Campaign Fund and Urges Robeson to Unite on Bryan.

In sending a check for \$5.00 to The Robesonian's Bryan-Kern campaign fund, Mr. A. Davis, who is pleasantly remembered here as the man who was for eight months in charge of the construction of the new court house, comments interesting on the situation as follows:

I am glad to see The Robesonian has lined up with the other Democratic newspapers of the country in receiving and urging contributions to aid in the election of the Democratic nominee for President and Vice President of the United States, and while not a citizen of the grand Old North State, it has been my lot to spend years within her borders, the last eight months of which were spent in the busy and hustling town of Lumberton, and I feel it a privilege to contribute, through you, my mite, and am handing you herewith the sum of \$5, and trust and believe that the citizens of Lumberton will send, through you, a dollar for every registered voter of your district. The managers of the Democratic party need funds, and too much praise cannot be given the Democratic press in their efforts to raise a sufficient fund for the legitimate expenses of the campaign which is now on and nearing its close. Of course in your community there are many good men who are loyal Democrats but who cannot afford to give even a dollar. This should be equalled up by those upon whom fortune has smiled. Contributions should now come in promptly, as the National Committee is sadly in need of funds, but your contributors should bear in mind that \$10,000 is the limit than any one person can contribute.

Mr. Bryan is carrying on a commendable fight in the interest of the many, while the Republican party is fighting for the interest of the few; his fight is for the masses, while that of the Republican party is for the classes; and if elected Mr. Bryan will prove to be the greatest executive this country has ever had. He is today the greatest Living American and the peer of any that have "crossed the bar," if not the noblest of them all.

Fate has especially fitted this man for the high office to which he aspires and has embodied in him the dauntless courage of the immortal Washington, the statesmanship of the peerless Jefferson, the sagacity of Monroe and the staying qualities of the eternal Jackson. Add to these a magnetic personality, a charming manner, the winning smile, that, when it once beams upon you, can never be forgot, a voice that is attuned more to the lyre than to the trumpet, a kindly eye, which is but the look of a man to a pure undefiled soul.

A Christian gentleman, against whose private life a single aspersion has never been cast. This pen picture is the man that seeks the suffrage of the American people.

Now, Mr. Editor, let Robeson county get busy and cut out strife, for here is a man that they can all join in supporting. Let by the public press that the commissioners of your county have made an appeal along this same line, and are holding forth the olive branch of peace and fellowship, and I hope that all factions will seize this emblem of peace and join in one united "Hurrah," for Bryan and Kern Democracy.

The Republican press claim that the grand Old State of Virginia will cast her electoral vote for Taft. There are certain conditions, only, upon which Mr. Taft could capture the electoral vote of this State, amongst which I might mention the following: When the sun shines at midnight and the silvery rays of the moon gleam at high noon; when water ceases to run and wood to grow; when all the millions of American mothers cease to love their children, or forgive the shortcomings of their husbands; when the trains of the Seaboard Air Line run for miles an hour and cross eyed cuts go back on rats and Lumberton has a population of twenty-three million people—then, and not until then, will Virginia cast her electoral vote for Taft, or any man that stands for the principles of his party.

Yours very truly,
A. Davis, Jr.
Ballston, Va., Sept. 25, 1908.

Republicans Trying the Same Game They Worked in 1896.

Attention has been called to the fact by the Record frequently in the past six weeks, that the Republican party was trying the same game played by Mark Hanna in 1896—sitting still and waiting for the Democrats to scare the trusts into making big contributions to the campaign fund. This has been done to the queen's taste and only a few days ago the scare was put into effect by the party managers, who caused announcement to be made that unless something was "done," Bryan was going to sweep the country. The trick is being tried first in New York, the place to raise a million; it was said through some of the Republican papers that are on the game, that unless a mighty effort was made Bryan would sweep New York like a whirlwind, as well as New Jersey and other Eastern States, not to mention the Middle West. What effect this will have is not yet apparent, but the treasurer of the national Republican committee has sent men out with the hat to afford the trusts a chance to chip in.

The Democrats should now get busy and see that this campaign fund does not "knock" them out of the ring. It is reasonable to suppose that as large a fund as Mark Hanna raised cannot be had this time, but this is more or less problematical; a scared man, vitally interested, will come across if he can be scared bad enough.

Wilmington Star: That the importance of Wilmington as a port is fast becoming recognized not only by commercial interests at large but by the United States Government as well is evidenced by the fact that an immigration office in charge of a regular inspector will be opened here at once and maintained at least each year during the shipping season.

Mr. W. L. Ormand, of Bessemer City, who has just erected a cotton gin to be operated by electric power, on Saturday received a letter signed "Night Riders" warning him that if he started his gin in operation while cotton was at its present price his place would go up in smoke. The letter intimated that he would not only lose his gin but also his home.

Mr. A. H. Slocumb, of Fayetteville, who was nominated for Congress by the Republicans of the sixth district and who at first declined the nomination, has decided to accept the honor and will make a canvass of the district. He intimates that he would not run from a joint debate with Mr. Godwin, the Democratic nominee.

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Would Mortgage The Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw; one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c. at all drug stores.

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THE STATE FAIR.

Exhibits and Other Attractions to be Better Than Ever.

The State Fair, to be held in Raleigh October 12th-17th, promises to be the best ever held in the State. Premiums have been increased and the agricultural, industrial and educational displays will be unexcelled. The county exhibits will be a feature; Haywood county will show the resources and possibilities of the glorious west, competing with counties from the east. The Virginia Horticultural Society will have a magnificent display of fruit, simply for exhibition purposes and not competing for premiums. Cattle will be here from Kentucky and poultry from all over the country.

The attractions will include Beachy in the marvelous Strobil airship navigating the clouds. His ship under perfect control sails as easily and gracefully as a bird. This is the ship that set Washington wild and broke up a session of Congress, the members rushing from their seats to see the wonderful sight. The automobile race with tremendous machines going a mile a minute will be a thrilling sight.

One of the most beautiful sights will be the dress parade and exhibition drill of the battalion of the A. & M. College. Another feature will be the grand floral parade of decorated floats.

Quincey will divide daily from a ninety-foot ladder into a three-foot tank of water, and Marvellous Melville, king of the trapeze, will give performances between the heats of the races, and Alfreno and his children will do hair-raising stunts on the high-wire.

Fast horses will run and will almost certainly lower the track record of the State. The midway will be full of clean high-class shows and will afford plenty of fun. Toy whips will not be allowed on the grounds and notice is given that any found will be forfeited.

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FEAR OF DEATH.

A Philocephic Discussion of the Subject Which Reaches Bacon's Conclusion That "Death is a Friend of Ours."

Is it not well that, sometimes, in the rush and busyness of life we should pause awhile and forgetting purposely the bickerings of politics, the growth of commerce, the wrangles between the nations, come to the contemplation of things nearer home—nearer to our own souls? To what end doth it all tend? Mostly when man asks such a question of himself it is asked definitely and, perhaps, a thought hopelessly. It is most often the expression of a pessimistic mood, when things have gone wrong; the past seeming to have been a failure and the future to hold out no fair prospects.

It may be asked hopefully, too, and the answer fronted bravely—if, indeed, it require anything like courage to face the inevitable truth that the end is death—and rest, the much desired. And that is the spirit in which it shall profit a man to question himself, for then one may come to realize that in spite of our daily work and our ambitions we are all tending—and these things that we do and feel, too—to the one great end.

There is a most beautiful essay on this subject by Hilaire Belloc in which he says:

"Men living in cities have often wondered how it was that the men in the open who knew horses and the earth, or ships and the salt water, risk so much—and for what reward? It is an error in the very question they ask, rather than in the logical puzzle they approach that falsifies their wonder. There is no reward. To die in battle, to sink or to be swamped, are not rewards. But action demands an end; there is a fruit to things; and everything we do (here, at least, and within the bonds of time) may not exceed the little limits of a nature which it neither made, or for itself acquired, but was granted."

That is the hopeful view of it, expressing a philosophy finer by far than that of Omar the Tent-maker, who would nullify all action, render hopeless all desire and effort by insisting on a remorseless and rather ironic fate that juggles with human souls as if for support. Far removed is Mr. Belloc's philocephic courage from that which regards us—to whom each sunlit morning means so wonderful a glory, as—

"But helpless pieces of the Game He plays
Upon this checker-board of Nights and Days;
Hither and Thither moves, and checks and slays;
And one by one back in the Closet lays."

It is not true, that death is a thing to be feared. All past experience goes to prove this; it has been the theme of the inspired writers of all ages who see in death only the natural end to toil, as the sleep at night time is but the natural ending of the day.

Stevenson thought much about this matter, and death was very near him, joggling the elbow of his writing arm, and he could say:

"Passing bells are ringing all the world over. All the world over, and every hour, some one is parting company with all his aches and ecstasies. For us also the trap is laid. But we are so fond of life that we have no leisure to entertain the terror of death. It is a honeymoon with us all through, and none of the longest. Small blame to us if we give our whole hearts to this glowing bride of ours, to the appetites, to the hungry curiosity of the mind, the pleasure of the eyes in nature, and the pride of our own nimble bodies.

No, there can really be no such thing as fear of death—it is too inevitable, too surely from the very beginning have we been walking toward it as the goal intended, and we have the word of the poets for it that the end is good. To quote Mr. Belloc again: "They are all agreed. What did Sleep and Death do to the body of Sarpedon? They took it home. And every one who dies in all the epics is better for the dying. Some complain of it afterward. I will admit, but they are hard to please. Rowland took it as the end of the battle; and there was a Scandinavian fellow, caught on the northeast coast, I think, who in dying thanked God for all the joy he had had in his life—as you have

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A luxury to age!
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Supporter and stay;
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May he never give way!

Respectfully,
R. H. Burney,
Mobile, Ala., Sept. 27, 1908.

Tall Corn Grows in Lee County.

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heard before. And St. Anthony of Assisi (not of Padua), says: "Welcome little death," as was his way. And one who stands right up above most men who write or speak said it was the only port after the tide streams and bar handling of this journey."

In the meantime, what? Why, the tide of life rushes on at full pace and life is with us to be had. The autumn days are at hand, the air is crisp and good to fill the lungs with; hearts beat high with hope and there is work to be done. Let us at it, then; ye to whom it is given to toil toward the goal; leaving the philosophy of Death to the poets whose harmonies have helped us all so much in the swing of the march of life.

We shall all be alike in our graves.—Charles Reade.

Where Bubbles Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done its good to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c. at all drug stores.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croon, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaught, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure. The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at all drug stores, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Some one who is apt at figures has shown that New York City to-day is larger in population than sixteen different States and Territories, and further that within a radius of twenty miles are living over 10,000,000 people.

The improved methods of transportation, which are fast widening the limits of New York's business energy, will soon embrace a radius of fifty miles, within which are located 2,364 different towns and cities whose total population, with that of Greater New York, is equal to fully one-fifth of the population of the United States.

When it is realized that the permanent increase in population of New York last year was about 400,000, a city the size of Cleveland, Ohio, some idea of the tremendous growth of the city can be appreciated. One of the assurances of a continued and permanent growth is to be found in the 50,000 marriages that take place every year.

Besides this permanent increase New York is entertaining an average of over 150,000 transient visitors every day, and at some seasons, when the hotel accommodations are taxed to their utmost, fully 300,000 people are chronicled in their home papers as "spending a few days in New York on pleasure and business."

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LETTER FROM ALABAMA.

St. Pauls Looking Up—Its School Fifty Years Ago and Some Who Attended—The Tennessee River Valley.

The elections are over and peace reigns.

St. Pauls is looking up. The elegant new school building, the new Presbyterian church, the sale of town lots, the hum of the factory, the general outlook—everything betokens a wave of prosperity. The old colored philosopher wisely said: "The world do move." It was in the 40's that myself and brothers and sisters were pupils in a very plain school-house about one hundred yards west of the stage road, north-west of the site of the old Davis & Willis store—long before the store was built, however—in which Archibald D. McNair, afterwards an eminent physician, taught. I remember well that there was a number of adult pupils, one of whom, John Carlyle, walked five miles daily to obtain an education. He had the pluck and energy of which men are made.

Boys and girls, too, in those days did not complain at walking three miles to school. But it is not so now. Schools must be convenient and easy of access. How many times have I seen districts cut up and ruined by uncompromising selfishness! Inferior teachers and short terms were the result, when a central school, or two, if need be, would have been strong enough to have had much better results.

Mr. Carlyle finished his education and became a professor in a Florida College, so I was told. John C. McNair was