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Charlotte, having only recently taken in all the old fields and swamps within a radius of two miles is again clamoring for a new charter. She is almost equal to the bad boy on shoes.

Secretary of War Wright has approved the dismissal of six cadets from West Point for hazing. That's the kind of stuff that will put a stop to hazing. The president of the A. and M. College, Raleigh, N. C., might take a hint.

THE WATCHMAN heartily endorses all the Stanly Enterprise so nicely says about our old Confederate veterans. They are fast passing away and but a few remain. Let us do what we can to make their declining years pleasant.

The United States cavalry, in Wyoming, is now engaged in chasing a lonely bandit who recently held up seven stage coaches in the Yellowstone Park. Why not reserve this job for Teddy who is now preparing to hunt wild beasts.

There have been a number of hard things said about Mrs Ethel Blair, who will soon be placed upon her second trial for the alleged murder of her husband, Conductor C. W. Blair. The worst we have seen, however, is the term "self-made widow," applied to her by the Columbia, S. C., State.

It seems to us there should be no delay in arranging a canvass between Messrs. Hackett and Cowles. The latter gentleman some time ago expressed the great felicity it would give him to meet Mr. Hackett in debate and wipe up the soil with his mangled remains. This being the case why should Mr. Reynolds desire more time?

We are not doing any paid advertising in these few lines, but we desire to call attention of the Odd Fellows, and there are lots of them in Rowan county, to the fact that the Sovereign Grand Lodge will meet in Denver next month. Tickets will be on sale to Colorado Springs for the same fare as it is to Denver. If you think of going to Denver on this occasion, be sure your tickets read to Colorado Springs, and see the garden spot of the West.

The Democrats seem to be putting out some winners this year. With Bryan as leader, Kern for vice president from Indiana, a doubtful state; Adlai E. Stevenson, ex-vice president, for governor of Illinois, another doubtful state, and Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, another doubtful state. These states have been and can be again brought into the Democratic column when the right kind of men and efforts are put forth, and such seems to be the case this year.

The good, old steady farmers of Rowan seem to look upon organization with indifference. The Southern Cotton Association utterly failed to bring them together. And, advocates of the farmers union now endeavoring to organize the county, are meeting with a similar coolness. Is it that the Rowan farmer loves his freedom more than others? Verily we believe he does, for didn't he hold his cotton as did those who were organized! And hasn't he been as patriotic and as successful as those who make greater pretense? Yes, the Rowan farmer is made of the right stuff and can always be depended upon to do the right thing at the right time, whether organized or not.

Democrats are not above taking good advice even when it comes from a Republican source, but it must be confessed that we get very little of that sort of advice from

our friends, "the enemy." But G. S. Bradshaw made some remarks in a speech the other day in which he dwelt upon the advisability of absolutely divorcing the public schools from politics. What the gentleman said will be found in another column, and we believe all thinking people will say "amen" to it. Politics have no place in the management of our school affairs, though politics or favoritism or some other ground than merit, has much influence in keeping some men in prominent places in our educational institutions when they are entirely cut of their element.

West Innes Street presents a splendid appearance, so far as the improvement has gone, but the bitulithic should be laid at least two blocks further, to Caldwell Street, which, with the new pavements, will present a very handsome appearance. It is to be regretted, for the purpose of saving a few dollars, the curb stones were not set in a line from Main Street down as far as Ellis. Some day a board of alderman with a keen sense of uniformity will have this work done, but at a greater cost than it would have been at this time. There will always be agitation and contention about the streets and property lines so long as the city fails to go by the original chart of the town and demands every inch that belongs to the city, gets the lines straight and sees that every one conforms thereto.

### Grandma Obsolete.

"The word 'grandma' is dying out," said a lexicographer, or maker of dictionaries, pausing in his labor on the letter G. "By 2000, at this rate, no such word will exist."

"What will take its place?"

"Oh, 'nannie,' 'nans,' 'love-locks,' 'dearest'—some such rubbish. You see," explained the lexicographer, "women think that they have learned to stave off old age. A woman of fifty, because she has died hair, and a painted face, a figure here distend and there cramped, thinks that she looks young. As a matter of fact, she looks neither fish, flesh nor fowl. No man can bear the sight of her. But she thinks she looks young, and therefore, she won't be called 'grandma.' Youth is over for good, you know—beyond peradventure we are done with the long, long dreams of youth—when a little one is leaping 'grandma' or 'grandpa' at our knee. So this old fool trains her grandchildren to call her 'nans' or 'kitten,' getting into her wadded street gown she trips on rheumatic feet to the beauty parlor for a face steaming."

### GENERAL NEWS.

A dispatch from Heidelberg, Germany, states that Baron Speck von Stevenburg, Germany, ambassador to the United States, died Sunday night.

A non-union miner by the name of Clayton Brown was shot from ambush by striking union miners at Birmingham Monday. His body with three bullet holes was left lying on the ground. He was going home from work at the time. Deputies with bloodhounds are seeking the murderers.

A train ran over a negro at Greensboro Sunday night and cut both legs off. A heavy truck belonging to John Robinson's show ran over another negro and broke a leg. Both were working for the show.

The Charlotte News predicts that the Republican convention in Charlotte to day will nominate Romulus Z. Linney for governor, Cyrus B. Thompson for secretary of state, and Thomas Settle for attorney general.

A man by the name of John E. Early, whose home is at Lynn, Polk county, is confined in a tent on the suburbs of Washington, D. C., owing to an affliction of leprosy which he has had for a year or more. Early was with the army in the Philippines and it is thought where he took the disease. An effort will be made to return him to his people, but should State authorities object he will be sent to the leper colony in Louisiana.

Logan Jones, of Edgecombe county, while in a drunken spree and attempting to murder his wife and children last Wednesday, was shot and killed by his 15-year-old son. The boy was held for trial.

### MORE RIOTING IS EXPECTED.

#### Race Antagonism North and South, The Difference.

A great race riot has been in progress at Springfield, Illinois, for a week or more and conditions have been quite serious. It will be remembered that this is Abraham Lincoln's old home, and a section of our country to which negroes look for succor in time of trouble. How times change.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 20.—This city is tonight on the verge of another fierce outbreak against the negroes. The streets are crowded with excited men and women and ominous threats are heard on every hand. All that is needed to start a riot is a leader and the fear of the police and the few soldiers that are left will not prevent it if that leader appears before the night is over.

A Springfield dispatch of the present riots, according to old citizens, is the result of years of racial antagonism. Each year has seen augmentation to the colored population. It is said that in the last two years a thousand negroes took up their abode in the city, giving the city a colored population of about 8,000 persons.

"They were getting too bold and impudent," said a hotel keeper today. "People outside the city cannot realize just how offensive this was. The people of the State at large will discover that the outbreak of last Friday was not the result of momentary irritation, a temporary ebullition of violence superinduced by heat. The undercurrent of resentment growing for years needed only a pretext and the assault on a white woman furnished this pretext. The streets are quiet now because the troops are here, but that is no assurance that the question is settled."

The exodus from Springfield seems to be permanent. There are still a few scattered colored families in the few blocks guarded by the soldiers, but they, for the most part, are women, children and aged men. The younger and middle aged are few in number. Occasionally one may see three or four of the men standing near a burned home but all are making preparations to leave Springfield as soon as funds are available. Outgoing cars are still crowded with the blacks. Carpet bags, valises and nondescript trunks and suit cases containing in many instances all of the property of the negroes, are high on the station platforms. Governor Deneen's proclamation asking that all negroes return to Springfield and not enter other cities seems of no avail. Hotels are devoid of negro porters, waiters and roustabouts.

The Baltimore Sun says: The rioting, lynching of negroes and destruction of property in Springfield, Ill., show that racial antagonism in the United States is not bounded by sectional and geographical lines. Illinois is a Republican State, Georgia is a Democratic State. Less than year ago Atlanta was the scene of rioting. Negroes were lynched after a series of crimes against women which stirred the people of that Southern city to their profoundest depths. But the sober second thought of Atlanta prevailed. The conservative and law-abiding South condemned the excesses of mob rule, and the mob was soon brought under control. The provocation was great, but enlightened public opinion in the South was no less outspoken in denouncing lawlessness in Atlanta than was public opinion in other parts of the United States.

It is essential to the proper solution of the race problem in this country that Americans should divest themselves of sectional and political prejudices when there are manifestations of racial antipathy and outbreaks of mob violence. Since last Friday evening the capital of Illinois has been the scene of mob violence on a scale greater than that which Atlanta witnessed two years ago. A negro committed an atrocious crime in Springfield. The result was an upheaval. Two negroes have been lynched in retaliation—one of them a man more than 80 years old, whom according to the dispatches, had been guilty of no offense. A mob of 5,000 men established a reign of terror in Springfield. The torch was applied freely in the negro quarters. Lawlessness continued after the Governor of Illinois had taken

measures to restore order by filling the city with State militia-men.

Southern white men who take the law into their own hands do not go to the extremes which have characterized the outbreak in the capital of Illinois. They do not, except in the case of Atlanta, wreak vengeance indiscriminately upon the guilty and the innocent black. They do not resort to incendiarism. They do not terrorize the city for 48 hours and degenerate into a pillaging, destroying mob. They act outside of the law, it is true. But they go about their law-breaking systematically and in the spirit of men who are defending their homes from the worst type of criminal. They do not lynch an octogenarian negro, as the mob did in Springfield, merely from the love of killing—the blood lust.

#### Getting Track in Shape.

The Southern has a force of men at work straightening the tracks at the new depot. The curve at Council street will be considerably reduced and the approach to the depot from the south, made nearly straight.

Hon. J. D. Murphy, of Asheville, who has been tendered the position on the Superior Court bench made vacant by the death of Judge Frederick Moore, has signified his willingness to accept the position.

#### Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as executor of the estate of P. Clementine Brady, deceased, late of Rowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Gold Hill, N. C., on or before the 29th day of August, 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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