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The thirty-second annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association was held last week at the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead City, and was much enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to be present.

The program of exercises was both entertaining and instructive. That which attracted the most attention and largest audience was the address of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee in behalf of the proposed Jamestown exposition.

Day by day the prospect brightens for the election of Parker and Davis. There is not much doubt of their carrying the great state of New York, and but for the negro vote in Indiana and Illinois there would be no doubt of their carrying those states, which would insure their election.

No man has ever grown more rapidly in public favor than has Judge Parker since his nomination. The better he is known the higher he rises in public favor.

The Russian Minister of the Interior was assassinated on last Thursday. While riding in a carriage through the streets of St. Petersburg, although escorted by several detectives, a small bomb was thrown under the carriage and instantly killed him and the driver and wrecked the carriage.

This assassination was not unexpected, but every precaution had been taken to prevent it, as the minister's life was thought to be in danger all the time on account of his arbitrary and despotic acts.

The death of Ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison, of Philadelphia, removes one of the most notable men in the United States.

Although a life-long Democrat he was twice (in 1892 and in 1890) elected Governor of the strongest Republican State in the Union.

Another brave ex-Confederate has "crossed o'er the river." After a long sickness Capt. Frank Bennett, of Wadesboro, died on last Saturday.

The Democratic State executive committee has instructed Chairman Simmons to arrange for a joint canvass with the Republican candidates for the State offices.

Fatal Car Collision. Westbro, Mass., August 1.—A head-on collision between electric cars on the Boston and Worcester Street Railway near the Washington Street crossing three miles east of this town today, resulted in serious injury to fourteen persons one of whom has since died, while the death of a second was momentarily expected.

Lad Accidentally Kills Playmate. Greensboro, July 31.—Saturday afternoon in Contentnea township, this county, Olie Kittrell, son of C. T. Kittrell, killed Louis Crawford, son of David Crawford. The boys, both of whom were about 16 years old, were out together shooting at a mark when Kittrell accidentally shot Crawford in the head, killing him instantly.

Broke his Neck. Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 1.—A middle-aged negro named John Roberson fell down a flight of steps in one of the leaf houses of the E. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company late this afternoon and broke his neck. He had been dead an hour or more when found. Roberson came here last Christmas from Rock Hill, S. C.

New Mexico Train Robbery. El Paso, Tex., July 31.—A train crew which has just arrived with a light engine from Santa Rosa, reports that Rock Island Passenger Train No. 4, which left El Paso yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, was held up near Tucumcari, N. M., and robbed. The passengers were lined up and their valuables were taken from them, after which the express and mail cars were uncoupled from the train and run about two miles up the track and there dynamited and robbed.

Electric Storm in New York. New York, Aug. 1.—Considerable damage was done in widely separated parts of the city during an exciting electrical storm this afternoon. Both flagstaves on the postoffice in New York were struck and a man on the top floor of the building was badly shocked and burned about the arms. A bolt struck a Third Avenue elevated structure, near 60th street, ran along and set fire to the sleepers, causing a lively pyrotechnic display. It then ran down the pillars to the ground.

The big pole on the top of the famous flat iron building at Broadway and 23rd street was struck, a piece over fifteen feet long being splintered, fragments falling on the sides of the building to the streets far below. Several other flag poles in various other parts of the city were shattered by lightning and many dwelling houses were struck. Several persons were struck but no fatalities resulted.

Russian General Killed. St. Petersburg, Aug. 1.—The report of Lieutenant General Count Keller's death is confirmed. He was killed July 29th, while repelling the preliminary attack on General Kuropatkin's army on the Yantze Pass, thirty miles east of Liao Yang. The general was standing near a battery which was subjected to a terrific fire, at which a shell burst close to him and he fell, mortally wounded, dying twenty minutes later. Before he expired General Keller had the satisfaction of knowing that the Japanese attack had been repelled.

General Keller was the first high Russian military commander to lose his life in this war. He resigned the high and lucrative position of governor of Ekaterinoslav to go to the front and exchanged with General Zassalitch, who may now resume the command of the first Siberian army corps.

The loss of General Keller is deeply felt in court circles. He was a personal favorite of the emperor. His sister, Countess Kleimichel, is one of the leaders of St. Petersburg society.

A Chicken Thief Shot. Greenville, August 1.—Thursday night, Mr. Glenn Hardie, a farmer living near Guilford Battle Ground, heard some one after his chickens. He got up, got his gun down, and as he stepped out on his back piazza saw distinctly, a man in his chicken-house, the door to which was wide open, put a chicken in a bag. He yelled to the thief to "come out of that," but the midnight purloiner paid no attention whatever to the warning.

Instead, he was in the act of placing another chicken in the bag, when Mr. Hardie fired his gun. The man, with a loud scream, jumped out of the chicken-house and ran for life. It being evident that he was unable to make headway, Mr. Hardie, instead of shooting again, took after the thief, and caught him in a chase of a hundred yards. It proved to be Nathan Ewell, a negro, who had been on the roads several times for larceny. He was riddled with shot, from his shoulders to his knees, and although he was attended by two physicians, he died yesterday morning. There were six chickens in the bag he had attempted to carry away with him.

Washington Letter. (From our regular correspondent.) Washington, July 28, 1904.

During the absence of Congress measures for the improvement of the city are being energetically pushed, that a good showing of progress may be made when the lawmakers again assemble. Work is going actively forward in the several great public buildings that have been described in these letters, including the \$4,000,000 Union depot, and while the great plans of the Park Commission cannot be immediately realized, the water front of the city is being improved, and this is a necessary feature of any rehabilitation of the capital. The water front both on the Potomac and East branch is in a disgraceful condition. It is doubtful if there is a city of its size in the United States which presents so shabby a riparian line.

The wharves are mainly built on loose piling, the buildings are mostly ramshackle sheds, and the slips are so badly filled with debris as to be unavailable for use except by smaller craft. A new bulkhead wall is needed at once, and stone piers are imperatively required. The two new bridges across the Potomac, one for railroad trains and the other for the highway, are in an advanced stage and in two months trains and traffic will be running over them from shore to shore. They are five hundred feet north of the old railroad bridge, about twice as high above the water, and half a mile long. The railroad bridge is known as one of the Pratt truss pattern, and it has twelve granite piers, including the draw span, which latter is 280 feet long, and weighs 600 tons. It will be about twice the size of the old draw. The draw will seldom need to be opened.

The sky over the Republican camp is lowering, owing to the numerous and bitter strikes in progress from Boston to Colorado. The union leaders and walking delegates very naturally salute the President with "Come to our rescue! You went outside of your beat to settle the coal strike; now take the employers sternly in hand in Boston, Fall River, New York, Washington, Chicago, Colorado!"

What he will do to extricate his party from the dilemma it is difficult to see. Even in Washington the old question of the trades unions against the government has arisen. A man passed the Civil service examination as bricklayer, and joined the workmen putting up the walls at the new Washington War College. The other men asked him for his card, and finding he was not a member of the union, laid down their tools. The army officer in charge made a little speech to the malcontents telling them that either their rules must be modified or the Constitution of the United States must be amended. How the problem will be solved is doubtful.

The 300,000 citizens of Washington used last week 66,000,000 gallons a day of water, or 200 gallons a day for each man, woman and child in the district. This supply per capita is one of the largest in the United States, and of course indicates tremendous improvidence and waste. Relief is now sought by increasing the reservoir and aqueducts but it cannot be long before it will be sought in water meters compelling the largest users, or rather waters to pay for all water that they receive beyond a reasonable supply. If the largest consumers were furnished with meters, enough water would be saved to supply fountains in every park and circle, like the fountains of Rome.

Bourke Cockran was here the other day and he vigorously expressed the opinion that the voters and tax payers of the United States do care for frugality and do object to extravagant expenditures. He called attention to the fact that not a syllable in the Republican platform pledges the party to economy and that the Democratic platform demands "the strictest economy and frugality compatible with vigorous civil, military, and naval administration."

During these years in which the population of the United States has increased fifty per cent, the expenses of the Federal government have increased nearly two hundred per cent. The population has doubled since Grant's first administration, and the cost of the government has grown four fold. Republican papers are everywhere publishing a statement that the expenditure of the United States government is only half as much as that of France and a third as much as that of Great Britain; but they leave out of account the fact that most of our expenditures are state, county and municipal, while those of foreign governments are mostly included in the general budget of the central parliament. Including these, the expenses of the United States are much larger per head than those of France, Germany or England.

The race is now on between Thomas Taggart, of Indiana, as chairman of the National Democratic Committee, and Mr. Cortelyou, who fills the same place for the Republicans, to determine who will make the best campaign organizer and lead his party to victory. Mr. Taggart is young, vigorous, a great worker, a man of large experiences, and he has faith that the Democratic party will win.

The State Fireman's tournament is being held this week at Salisbury. The North Carolina Naval Brigade is to be taken on a two weeks cruise August 7th. Ex-Judge A. W. Graham, of Granville county, has been nominated for reelection to the legislature. At the dispensary election held at Wilmington, on last Wednesday, the saloons won by a majority of two to one.

The strike situation at Fall River is unchanged; the American Federation of Labor has promised to support the strikers. In 1892 the deposits in the banks of this state amounted to nine and a half million dollars. In 1903 they had increased to nineteen and three-quarter millions, an increase of two hundred and thirty-three per cent. The famous correspondent, James Creelman, contributes to the August Review of Reviews a character sketch of the Democratic nominee for the Presidency, Judge Alton B. Parker, which is not only a character sketch of the man, but a calm and impressive presentation of the Democratic case. Mr. Creelman points out Judge Parker's Americanism and judicial training, and shows how, in his opinion, the Democratic nominee should receive the votes of the people. The article is well illustrated with portraits of Judge Parker and his family, and his home, Rosemont, at Esopus, N. Y.

Sick Headache. "For several years my wife was troubled with what physicians called sick headache of a very severe character. She doctored with several eminent physicians and at a great expense, only to grow worse until she was unable to do any kind of work. About a year ago she began taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and today weighs more than she ever did before and is real well," says Mr. Geo. E. Wright, of New London, New York. For sale by G. R. Pilkington.

Three boys were shot by an ex-Confederate soldier near Durham one day last week while stealing water-melons from his patch. Monroe Journal: In a trial before a justice of the peace here yesterday an elderly couple were put on the stand as witnesses in behalf of a neighbor, and it was developed that they had not spoken to each other in fifteen years. The man said in explanation that he and his wife had had a little quarrel fifteen years ago and he had said in his anger that if he ever spoke to her again he hoped God would strike him dead, and now he is afraid to talk. The conversations are carried on through the children.

Violent Attack of Diarrhoea Cured by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and Perhaps a Life Saved. "A short time ago I was taken with a violent attack of diarrhoea and believe I would have died if I had not gotten relief," says John J. Patton, a leading citizen of Patton, Ala. "A friend recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I bought a twenty-five cent bottle and after taking three doses of it was entirely cured. I consider it the best remedy in the world for bowel complaints. For sale by G. R. Pilkington.

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Table with 4 columns: Station, 60-Day Tickets, 15-Day Tickets, 15-Day Tickets. Rows include Charlotte via Atlanta, Durham via Richmond, etc.

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Table with 4 columns: Station, 60-Day, 15-Day, 15-Day. Rows include Asheville, Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Gastonia, Greensboro, Henderson, Hendersonville, Hickory, Marion, Morganton, Mt. Airy, Newton, Raleigh, Rutherfordton, Salisbury, Sanford, Selma, Statesville (via Knoxville), Wilkesboro, Winston-Salem.

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