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A man out in Iowa wants to be King of Serbia. At least this is something new in the way of suicide mania.

Of course with the way things are going in Kentucky these days, anything is possible, even the election of a republican Senator.

Now that inventor Maxim has perfected the noiseless gun, he might gain Tarheel thanks by inventing a noiseless Governor.

This week so far has brought out no special message from the President. But then the week is not yet over.

The most important matter that will come before the State Convention will be to determine whether a voter can be a Democrat and anti-prohibitionist.

The Nebraska Democrats have enthusiastically endorsed and approved Mr. Bryan for the presidential nomination. If the voters of that State would only do likewise in November we could feel much more elated.

No man has better expressed the difference between the two parties than Mr. Bryan in his speech at the Nebraska State Convention in this brief sentence: "The Democrats have been looking at public questions from the standpoint of all the people, while republican leaders have been looking at them from a standpoint of a few."

TAFT A DEMAGOGUE.

The Ohio republican platform edited by Theodore Roosevelt and his heir, William P. Taft, declares for reducing the representation in the South.

This declaration and Mr. Taft's utterances should satisfy any reasoning mind that the big fat man wants the office and is using the big stick policies merely to further that end. Only a short time ago in Kansas City, in a speech to the young republicans of Missouri, Mr. Taft said:

"The greatest friend the Southern negro is likely to have is the broad minded Southern white man who sympathizes with the colored man and who knows his value to the South. Nor is it unreasonable to hope that the men who have already sought to come within the law and avoid violence will ultimately see the wisdom and righteousness of the equal enforcement of the law of eligibility against white and black."

Now for office he would punish the best friends the negro whose vote in the Northern States he so much desires, has.

The sentiments expressed in the Ohio platform are unworthy of those proclaimed at Kansas City. A number of papers are disposed to argue that this plank is put in for unbecome to offset Foraker in his Browns' role. Even this is discreditable to a man seeking the highest office in the world.

These two declarations lead to the conclusion that as soon as the Roosevelt policies have secured for Taft the nomination a bargain and a sale will be made with "predatory wealth" which the big stick it is claimed has been whacking over the head.

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STORE BREAKERS AT WHITAKERS.

Stallings' hardware store at Whitakers, was entered by thieves Tuesday night and a number of tools were stolen. Mr. Stallings sent word to Chief Pulley, asking for the services of the bloodhounds, but they would be unable to reach Whitakers too late in the day, so were not sent. No clue has been found as to the thief or thieves.

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EDGECOMBE GUARDS IN CASE OF RIOT.

After the inspection on the 16th, it is my purpose to bring about many changes so as to make the Edgecombe Guards thoroughly efficient and of practical use to the people of the county.

So far as the State and National governments are concerned, the present organization meets every demand. On the roll are now forty-six men, forty-three enlisted men and three officers.

In case of a riot or serious trouble in Tarboro, the Company, if it should be ordered out at once, would be of little service. To mobilize it, would require at least four to six hours, and during that time much damage could be done to persons and property. One person remarked to me sometime ago, that in case of an order to call out the Company, the citizens of the town would rush to the Armory and take the arms and ammunition and use them. This is a dangerous act, and those who did it, would have to answer to the National Government for such conduct. While this might be done by the citizens, yet the rioters might do the same thing.

The Company needs twenty-five more men. In the town, there should be at least half of the Company will be, say, three squads. Will the young men of the town come forward and enlist and assist in making the Guards, the best Company in the National Guard of North Carolina?
What does it cost to enlist? Not a cent. At the encampments, the government pays all expenses. How about getting off of business to attend drills? Of course if a young man joins the Company, he is expected to obey all orders of his superior officers, and be governed by military discipline. I do not believe there is a merchant in town, who would object to a reasonable number of drills each month.

Uniforms are furnished free also. So are the hats and caps. The equipment is in first class shape.

Each man has two suits, one blue and one khaki, one blue cap, one campaign hat, one set of leggings, one blanket, one poncho, two blue shirts. In other words, the National Government is meeting every demand now, and is making efforts for more appropriation for these purposes.

The entire United States is waking up to the necessity of supporting the National Guard, and the different states are not lagging behind. There are now in this State more than 5 towns which are knocking to come into the National Guard, and when a town once loses its Company, it is a hopeless task ever to gain admission again into the Guard.

Therefore it behooves our young men, and our business men to take an interest in the Edgecombe Guards and rally to it. There is no organization in the county that has a warmer spot in the hearts of our people than the Edgecombe Guards. The commissioners of both town and county are very liberal with their appropriations. The people never fail to respond in times of need. The name of the Edgecombe Guards, has unlocked the purse strings of many a man in this county, when nothing else would have done it.

This appeal I am making is a very serious one. This appeal I making is touching a very important subject.

CAPT. PAUL JONES,
Second Infantry
Commanding Co. A. N. C. N. G.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular correspondent.
Washington, D. C., Mar. 7.

The insistent demands of the Democrats together with a final realization that a contrary course would cost thousands of votes on election day have induced Speaker Cannon to permit the passage of a resolution providing for an investigation of Representative Lilley's charges of bribery, in connection with the appropriation for submarine boats. The report of the Rules Committee, which accompanied the resolution, and which set forth the charges of Mr. Lilley merely serves to excite wonder as to how the Speaker could have for a moment contemplated suppressing these charges. The men who are to conduct the investigation are Representatives Boutelle of Illinois, Stevens of Minnesota, Olmstead of Pennsylvania, Republicans, and Howard of Georgia and Broussard of Louisiana, Democrats. It is earnestly hoped, by the Democrats at least, that they will be able to probe this matter to the bottom and some of them expect that if so they will unearth some very unsavory matter.

Apropos of Speaker Cannon, the news comes from South Carolina that the two delegates whom it was reported had been elected to the republican national convention and instructed for Cannon were elected at a fake convention composed of a little group of negroes headed and managed by a negro who has just completed a term in jail. If this is the character of delegate with which the anti administration forces purpose to carry national convention against Taft it will mean in the judgment of prominent members of Congress a walk over for Mr. Bryan.

There is every indication that the strongest assistance Mr. Bryan will have this year are the republicans who are seeking to defeat Mr. Taft in the race for the nomination. There is Senator Crane of Massachusetts, for instance. He has gone to Boston to try and prevent delegates being instructed for Taft. Senator Lodge, on the other hand, has come out with a statement to the effect that he is for Taft. Everyone who knows Massachusetts is convinced that if these two statesmen once break the combination by which they have so long controlled the State the

WHERE MR. BRYAN STANDS.

As the Ohio republican platform was approved by Roosevelt and his heir, Taft, before it was adopted, because the purpose of the Buckeyes was to favor the cause of their favorite son, so it may be also taken for granted that the platform adopted by the Nebraska Democrats, who so enthusiastically endorsed Mr. Bryan, is in thorough accord with his views on the political questions of today.

Briefly summed up Mr. Bryan favors:
—A law to compel foreign corporations to submit their disputes to State courts in which they do business.
—Election of United States Senators by direct vote.
—Enforcement of criminal law against trusts.
—Revision of the tariff.
—An income tax.
—A national inheritance tax.
—Reclamation of arid lands.
—Preservation of forests.
—Development of interior waterways.
—A generous pension policy.
—Declaration to recognize Philippine independence.
—Control of railroads by Congress.
—Postal savings banks.
—State and national laws for the better regulation of banks.
—An eighth-hour day.
—Modifications in the law relating to injunctions.
—An employers' liability law.
—Exclusion of Asiatics.
—Separate Statehood for Arizona and New Mexico.

If Mr. Bryan is the nominee of the party, the platform will be practically the same as the one outlined above.
What Democrat finds it ought to criticize? What objections can one raise to it except the predatory right?

EDGECOMBE HERO TO BE HONORED.

A monument is soon to be placed over the grave of Dempsey Thorne about four miles from here. This monument will be a tribute to and in loving memory of him by the "Dames of '46."
Out of their own funds the North Carolina Chapter has paid for this monument in granite. This is the second one to be placed over the grave of a Mexican War Veteran. The Dames very properly felt that the county that sent General Louis D. Wilson to that war and two companies of soldiers, the only county in the State that did, should be first recognized.

There being no organized Chapter of the "Dames of '46" here, this monument has been sent to the president of the Daughters of the Confederacy, Mrs. T. W. Thrash, with the intuitive knowledge that she and her patriotic sisters would with glad hearts and willing hands assist in paying every respect to the memory of those who won glory at storming the heights Cerro Gordo and Churubusco.

Mrs. Cooper is the State president of the Dames. She and the secretary, Miss Jessica Randolph Smith, will arrange the date with Mrs. T. W. Thrash and the U. D. C. for placing this monument.

There will be some simple services. Col. John L. Bridgers has been asked to make the address on that occasion of which due notice will be given.

The monument has already arrived, but there will be no hurry to place it, because later the weather will be probably more favorable.

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The Scranton, (Pa.) Times was first to print this remarkable prescription, in Oct. 1906, since when all the leading newspapers of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, and other cities have made many announcements of it to their readers.
Elsewhere appears the call for the county republican convention and the precinct meetings, the latter to be held Friday March 27 and the former just a week later, April 3. This convention will select delegates to State and Congress conventions.
The selections of county candidates will be left to a subsequent convention.
No one needs the gift of prophecy to tell that the convention will be practically a unit for Taft.
Not a white republican has been heard to express a leaning to any other candidate. The colored republican is against the fat heir of the White House, but he will not count in the convention. The white republicans in this county are perfectly sincere in desiring no negro to take part or parcel in their deliberations and deliveries.
How the republicans by the grace of the Fifteenth Amendment are to have an effective say in Edgecombe is not clear to the Southernerman, for the organization from precinct chairman up to county chairman is white and resolved that it shall remain so.
If the colored man endeavors to secure a hearing on April 3rd there will probably be some fun for the onlooker.
On the registration books of the county there are over 120 registered colored voters. If all these were to turn out the Tafters would be harassed on a square deal to retain their supremacy; but united action is not at all anticipated. So Edgecombe may safely be put down in the Taft column.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of 2 certain mortgage deeds, made by Jas. L. Spragins and wife, Nannie R. Spragins, to the Edgecombe Homestead & Loan Association, I dated the 21 of Dec, 1904, and registered in book 85, page 201, Edgecombe registry, and the other dated the 30 day of Aug, 1906, and registered in book 85, page 266, the undersigned will, on Monday, April 13, 1908, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door in Tarboro, N. C., the following described property:
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