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MIKE WRITES PAT.

Discusses "Ramsey of Kawshayun Fame"—No. Reiteration of Fusion Days For Mike.  
Dear Brother Patrick:  
And they tell me that mister j. l. ramsey, of Scots, Iredel county, has left the democratic party, and none of us knowed it till he rit a peace in the Kawshayun to tell fokes of it. Nobody hadent missed him during all these years, and its a pity to wake up now to the fact that one of the very rank piestest of the hole lot is gone to the place from whence he cant git back. He is almost as mad as that little goggle-eyed feller down at the back end—Far End—of Chatham county who is mad cause that tother nigger, Aleck Webb votes the democratic ticket; the guse sines his name Jue Danyale, but nobody knows where he come from. He got loose from some organ grinder who was a passin thru the country on foot. Now, between the two of em, they're a goin to make it hat for the democrats.  
But the funniest thing of it is the hole crowd of mollycodeis, as Teddy, the Bullsphanthunter calls sich soft headed fokes what dont know when its a goin to rain nor how to fite a fice pup, iz mad with every one of the radicles who has an offia. If their regularly chuses national committymen, Mr. Dunkin aint a true republican, that is to say, if the very bell weather of the whole flock of em, the one whom they have put at the biggest offis they had in the State, aint all rite, then when in the duce do they want to be a beratin their betters the democrats? Now, you know that two an two makes four, that Mr. j. l. ramsey, in the city of Scots, in the county of Iredel wouldnt a gone off after the radicles if the democrats had thought enuff of him to give him an offia. He is mad now cause he aint got a seat at the pie counter, an thats why he keeps abusin Dunkin who, by the way, is the smartest radicle of em. or they wouldnt put him where he is.  
But poor old ramsey has got a bad case of indijeschun, and he ought to know better than to eat green simmons. Thats part of what makes him frow and look so sour; an then dont you reckon thats what makes him mad at Mr. F. M. Simmons. He thinks theres somethin in a name. I wish somebody would take up a collection an git him some medisn for hiz indijeschun.  
What has gone with the republican party in this county? I hear of them talkin about runnin some of their men for offis, but down in this corner of the county they dont seem to have no hopes. We carried the county last fall is a year ago, and our township went democratic, too, an it'll go it agin jist as it has for years. Of course anybody knows that somebody is a goin to be dissatisfied with the way things is done once in while, no matter who does it nor how well its done. Old Dinger Bill said tother day that he might not always vote for the democrats, for sometimes he got tired of it; but he said he wanted to vote, an it was the only ticket a man could afford if he cared anything for hiz county.  
Away back yander in the days of fusion an collusion an seclusion an delusion and otrusion the people got it in their heads that the democrats wasent a runnin the county rite an they turned it over to radipopians who were led by Mary Ann. Well if you'll ask any democrat what he thinks of it, he'll tell you no more turnin over with that crowd for him. They got enuff, that is, all of em what didnt want offis got enuff. They tried to release all the pole taxes but them that was paid by the democrats, an first thing the fokes knowed they had mity nigh no scools, and they come well nigh havin one nigger on each board of township committymen, too. Well sir, it was jist judgment after judgment against them county commisheners, until the fokes smell somethin dead up the spring branch. Then they want to cleanin up the spring an the branch, too, an since that time there hasent been a republican near enuff to the counter to smell the pie. As fer me, I dont want no offis, an I wouldnt know what to do with one if I had it; but then I want men at the head of our county affairs who know what to do with things.  
Now if you'll jist be patient a little longer we'll go over some of their sayins two years ago, an see how they sound now. They said then they had put out the strongest man they had in the county, an by

FORMER GOVERNOR AYCOCK

To Speak in Asheboro Saturday, August 6.  
Hon. Chas. B. Aycock will speak in Asheboro to the county convention on Saturday, August 6, 1910. His speech will be in the forenoon at 11 o'clock. The various townships are requested to send large delegations to hear this great North Carolinian open the campaign in Randolph.  
Every Democrat in the county is requested to be present and hear the call to battle.  
Republicans will be welcome.  
On last Saturday night, Mary Gaston, colored, fatally stabbed Hattie Brown, also colored, giving as a reason that the Brown woman had alienated her husband's affections. The Gaston woman is in jail.  
Notice of Convention to Nominate County Officers.  
The Democratic Convention for Randolph county, to nominate candidates for the general assembly and for the various county offices, is called to meet in the court house in Asheboro on Saturday, August 6th, 1910, at 11 o'clock a. m.  
The primaries are called to meet at the various voting precincts on Saturday, July 30th, 1910, at 3 o'clock p. m., and instruct for such nominees as they may desire, and to send delegates to the County Convention; and also to nominate justices of the peace and constables. Every Democrat is urged to attend the primary and vote for the men of his choice.  
By order of the committee.  
This May 4th, 1910.  
W. J. Miller, Chm'n.

Chatham County Democrats.  
The Chatham County Democratic County Convention met in Pittsboro last Tuesday and nominated the following ticket:  
For clerk of court, J. L. Griffin; for register of deeds, John W. Johnson; for sheriff, Leon T. Lane; for the legislature, N. J. Wilson; for county commissioner, J. C. Blake; C. D. Moore, and J. W. Griffin; for coroner, R. M. Burns; for surveyor, R. B. Clegg.  
golly I believe they did, too. Well they was so ashamed of what they had done they wouldnt let their crowd canvass the county with the democrats for fear the people would notice the great difference between the two crowds. Jist think what they've done to git offis, an then every time they shut their hands the little offis has flew away. They bought up the wheat both good and bad; they got some trust money an some the fokes wouldnt trust them to spend it on election day; an then got some famous oriter an another very lerned man to go over the county an beg the people to let them help make the laws, or to let them make the laws an all the other fellers help them, an then they said they could make better laws if the balance of the ticket was elected. Well, the dear old people said "No, thank you, Mr. Blackstun an Mr. Aristotal. Your talk sounds as well as you look, but we'll stick to intelligent men who would know an offis when they meet it in the road."  
So after thinkin them very courtynally, the dear people, some of em, took what money they had to offer, an told em to go in peace back to their plowin an so forth.  
Say Pat, I found a vurse that reads about as follows. I cant read very well, but I'll give it the best I can. I'm a good deal like the old man that was asked if he could read ritin, an he said "Bless your life, I cant read readin." But here's the vurse:  
Poor Ramsey, of Kawshayun fame is tryin hard to make a name  
For poor old Batters' fadin trust  
By givin decent men a rest.  
Your brother,  
Mike.  
P. S. an N. B.—Take notice of this postscript:—Dont fergit j. l. ramsey of the Kawshayun. Where did he come from? I'm afraid the earth scraped him off the commit, that is, Halley's commit, when we passed through the tale of the thing. Its the place where you would likely find a man of hiz ilk, at the tale I mean.  
Your brother agin,  
Mike.

LEADS FROM A COURIER REPRESENTATIVE'S NOTE BOOK.

History of Construction of Panama Canal—Many Countries Have a Hand in Construction of the Canal—"Gold and Silver Employees"—United States Purchases Canal Rights of French Company.

Before going into the description of the canal it will be interesting to review the various steps and numerous attempts which have led up to the construction of the canal. Spain, England, Portugal and France, have all embarked upon the work, either directly or by giving aid and encouragement to their representatives, and failed.  
The failure of Columbus to discover a waterway across the Isthmus did not entirely discourage the Spaniards, so in the early part of the sixteenth century Balboa came and organized an expedition and crossed the Isthmus in twenty-three days, cutting his way through the jungles and making what was later called the Caledonian route. It was in those early days that the idea of a canal took birth even while the existence of a natural strait for which the early explorers sought, was in doubt.  
A Spanish explorer named Saavedro, one of Balboa's followers on the Isthmus, is said to have been the first advocator of the canal in 1517. He was preparing plans to submit to King Charles V., of Spain, when his death occurred, for a trench large enough to float the tiny vessels of those days from one ocean to another. Philip II., successor to Charles, fearing that the wealth of the country would pass out too easily into other countries, opposed the project, giving as his reason, "What God has joined together let no man put asunder."  
A Scotch colony under William Patterson planned to dig a canal at Panama in 1698, but failed. Then England entered the lists with Lord Nelson and Baron Von Humboldt as its representatives in the latter part of the eighteenth and early part of the nineteenth centuries.  
In 1875 the French became interested in the canal principally on account of the interest manifested by Count Ferdinand de Lesseps, who had made for himself international fame by building the Suez Canal in ten years at a cost of \$105,000,000. He organized a company and started out with the idea of building a sea level waterway, but soon abandoned that plan for one including locks. In 1889 the company went into bankruptcy. Three reasons have been given for his failure, disease, waste and graft. A new French company was formed, and did sufficient work to maintain the franchise until 1904, when the property was transferred to the United States government.



Old French Engine.

Henry Clay and Other Prominent Men Made Plans for Panama Canal.

Henry Clay was the originator of the movement which brought this country into the history of the Panama Canal. He made a resolution in the Senate in 1835, which led to the appointment, by President Jackson, of a commission to report on inter-oceanic communication. President Grant was also interested and negotiated with the Republic of Colombia, but France stepped in before arrangements were completed. Then President Roosevelt undertook the beginning of the great work which is now being pushed by President Taft. Col. George W. Goethals is in charge of the construction of the canal, and everything is moving along in perfect order. There are 40,000 people at work on the canal.

Gold Employees and Silver Employees.

The working force on the Panama Canal is divided into the "Gold and Silver Employees," and this needed explanation for me, so I will explain it here. It does not mean, as I had supposed, that the employees were handed gold money or silver money, but in Panama their currency is called "silver," while in the Zone they have adopted the name "gold." As I have said before, our money is worth twice the value of Panamanian money. The "gold force" consists of Americans who are engaged as superintendents, engineers, physicians, teachers, conductors, overseers, etc. These are paid in United States money or twice the same in Panamanian money. The silver force represents the unskilled laborers, Spanish, Italians, Japanese, Chinese, Jamaicans and others. Gold employees have their cars and waiting rooms and silver employees have theirs. Even the furniture in the homes is distributed according to the official role of pay. Almost everything in the Canal Zone is hinged on a "salary" basis. Mrs. A., whose husband receives \$200 per month, does not associate with Mrs. B's husband, who only receives half the amount. There is trouble in camp if persons find that some one is getting less salary has anything like the comforts they do.

United States Purchases Rights of French Canal Company.

In 1904 the United States purchased all of the rights of the French Canal Company for forty million dollars. These rights included the Panama Railroad, which the French had purchased from the American Company for over \$18,000,000; maps, drawings and other technical data valued at \$3,500,000; excavation by the French, which is useful in the present canal project, estimated at 40,000,000 yards and valued at \$27,500,000; 76,000 acres of land belonging to the railroad and to the French Canal Company.  
It was then found necessary to negotiate with the Republic of Panama and obtain the land which is now known as the Canal Zone. The price paid for this strip of land ten miles wide, with the canal through the centre, and forty-five times in length from sea to sea, with an area of 448 square miles, was \$10,000,000. The government has jurisdiction over the adjacent water for three miles from each shore.  
While our government is building the canal on a much larger scale than was planned by the French, it is greatly indebted to

FARMER'S INSTITUTES.

For Randolph Co.—To be held at Ramseur, August 9, and at Liberty, August 10.—Randlemans, August 10—Asheboro, August 11.—Farmer August 12. In. interesting Programme.  
Farmer's Institutes for Randolph county will be held as follows: Ramseur, Tuesday, August 9. Randlemans, Wednesday, August 10. Asheboro, Thursday, August 11. Farmer, Friday, August 12. There will be two sessions at each of these meetings, one beginning at 10:30 a. m., the other at 1:30 p. m. The following speakers will be present and address the meetings: R. W. Scott, Alamance Co., J. A. Conover, Dairy Demonstrator, U. S. Department of Agriculture; C. R. Hudson, U. S. Department of Agriculture; and others.  
At the same times and places will be held Institutes for women by Miss Josephine Scott and Miss Reinhardt. The object of these meetings is to bring together the farmers' wives and daughters that they may become better acquainted and talk over such subjects as better and more economical foods and better methods of preparing them, home sanitation, fruit and vegetable gardening, farm dairying and poultry raising, beautifying the home and its surroundings, etc.  
The Farmer's Institute at Liberty will be held August 10. The speakers there will be J. L. Burgess, Agronomist, State Department of Agriculture; Dr. W. G. Christian, Veterinarian, State Department of Agriculture; and S. B. Shaw, Assistant Horticulturist, State Department of Agriculture. Miss Minnie Jamison, of the State Normal College will conduct the Woman's Institute at Liberty, and Mr. Shaw will give a practical demonstration in home canning, which every woman in the county should see.  
At each of these Institutes, a premium of \$1 will be given for the best loaf of bread baked and exhibited by a girl or woman living on the farm. Also, a premium of \$1.00 will be given for the best five ears of pure bread corn.  
Mr. T. B. Parker, Director of Farmer's Institutes; and Mr. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, urge that all farmers, their wives, sons, and daughters, and all others interested in farming and the betterment of the farm home, attend these meetings and join in the discussions.  
Boys are especially invited to come and learn about the Boy's Corn Clubs.

Winning a Reputation as a Composer.

The many admirers of Mrs. Alberta Jones Gillingham, will be glad to know that she is acquiring considerable fame and fortune through her musical talents as a composer. She has lately composed a new song that promises to become a great success. At present she is visiting friends in the city, delighting them with her music and charming personality.  
The above is taken from the Greensboro Telegram. Mrs. Gillingham's home is at Old, Davidson county. She has composed music that seems to deserve praise. Mrs. Gillingham, at present, is in poor health, which hinders, to some extent, her best efforts. Her many friends wish for her a speedy return of health and great success in the musical field.

Volcano and Earthquake.

Earthquakes and a volcanic eruption worked havoc in one of the islands of Japan last Monday and Tuesday. The number of dead is unknown. Eight thousand have abandoned their homes.

Death of a little girl.

Irene, the ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cornelison, of Montgomery County, died from fever July 20. The interment was at Suggs Creek Church the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, have donated \$1,000 to the Jackson Training School, at Concord, N. C.

Mr. J. F. Owen, a substantial farmer of Rowan County, died last Tuesday aged 75 years.

them for the initiative, and our country has profited much by the experience of the French. The men in authority in the Canal Zone do not fail to commend the French for their excellent plans, wisdom and courage. It is pathetic to see the abandoned machinery which was used by the French all along the way across the isthmus. A part of it has been laid aside for more modern machinery; some was worn out, and some is still in use. More than one hundred of their railroad engines are still in use. The worn out machinery has been sold as junk to a San Francisco Company for \$17.50 a ton. The plan of the houses used by the French company has been used by our government, the only difference being that of the underpinning. The French built theirs of brick and our houses are underpinned with wood pillars. Col. Goethals said "they came to stay here, and we for only a short time." All of the houses in the Canal Zone are painted gray.

GUILFORD REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Ex-Judge Bynum Rebukes Republicans—Morehead Men Leave Duncan Forces Behind.  
The Guilford County Republican Convention met in Greensboro last Saturday and nominated the following county ticket:  
Senate—J. G. Frazier.  
House of Representatives—D. A. Stanton, C. D. Cobb.  
Sheriff—W. J. Stafford.  
Clerk—S. H. Hodgkin.  
Register of Deeds—R. H. Hayworth.  
Treasurer—Jas. M. Davis.  
Coroner—J. J. Hilton.  
Surveyor—E. E. Farlow.  
Commissioners—J. A. Hodgkin, J. E. Brown, N. M. Knight, T. L. Aroher, E. E. Spencer.  
The convention was called to order by Mr. H. B. Worth, chairman of the county executive committee, and ex-Judge W. P. Bynum was unanimously chosen to preside over the convention. In accepting the chair Judge Bynum made a brief speech scoring Republican office seekers heavily. Among other things, he said, "Until the Republican party does something to show itself worthy of the respect and confidence of the people of the State, then it should not get into power." He urged the party to depose their office-seeking leaders and choose men who will look after the party's interest and not their own.  
Mr. John M. Morehead was endorsed by the convention for State chairman in spite of the fact that the supporters of Mr. Duncan had come to the meeting fully confident that their man would be endorsed. When the list of names was read and a motion made that the men be appointed delegates to the State convention, the supporters of Mr. Duncan, among whom was Mr. G. S. Bradshaw, objected that the minority in favor of Duncan was not represented, and succeeded in having a substitute list appointed.  
Judge Bynum refused to accept a motion endorsing himself for Supreme Court Justice.

Mr. J. M. Odell Dead.

Mr. J. M. Odell, one of North Carolina's prominent cotton mill men, died at his home in Concord, last Thursday night after a lingering illness of several months. The funeral was conducted Saturday afternoon followed by interment in the family mausoleum. Bishop John C. Kilgo, of Durham, preached the funeral sermon.

Mr. Odell was a native of Randolph County. For several years he and a brother conducted the Cedar Falls manufacturing plant.

After the war, he went to Greensboro and engaged in the mercantile business and later moved to Concord, where he established the Odell Manufacturing Company.  
Mr. Odell is survived by one brother, Mr. J. A. Odell, of Greensboro; two sisters, Mrs. Deritta Swain of Millboro, Randolph County; and Mrs. Tabitha Ellison, of Franklinville; one son, Mr. W. R. Odell, of Concord; and one daughter, Mrs. S. P. Durham, of Bessemer City.

Died.

The six-months old infant, of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cox, of Asheboro, died July 20, and was buried at Holly Springs Church the following day.