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The Opening of the Democratic Campaign

This week will witness the opening of the Democratic campaign in Western North Carolina and from now on to the day of election in November it will be vigorously prosecuted. True, occasional speeches have been made on special occasions at several points during the past two or three weeks, but tomorrow seems to have been chosen for a general opening of the battle all along the line in this part of the State. Following are the appointments near Asheville:

Hon. Locke Craig and Hon. E. J. Justice will speak at Rutherfordton.

Hon. J. M. Gudger, Jr., will speak at Robbinsville.

Hon. E. Y. Webb and Judge A. C. Avery will speak at Bakersville.

Hon. John S. Henderson will speak at Lincolnton.

The speakers at all these meetings are men of ability, recognized leaders in the Democratic party and are expected to sound the keynote of the campaign in this section of the State.

A Man to Be Pitied

Of all the men who have in recent years turned their political coats, W. H. Yarborough, jr., of Franklin county, is perhaps the least to be envied. The career of the man who shifts his party allegiance is never one grand sweet song, and Yarborough's bids fair to be unusually strenuous. His father held office under President Cleveland and he himself has represented his county as a Democrat in the Legislature. Recently he suddenly changed his faith and in the Republican county convention last week he made his first Republican speech. Of it, the Louisburg Times says:

"It was his first public utterance since his debut into the Republican party, and it was really pitiful to see him stand up and denounce in general terms those men in the Democratic party who had stood by him through "thick and thin." His attacks upon the county commissioners, whose attorney he has been for several years, was the most uncalled for and the most self-condemnatory proceedings we have witnessed in years. Just think of it! The idea of a man who has been counsel for a board, and whose duty it is to advise its members as to their duties, accusing them of robbing the tax-payers. If he knew the law, and we all admit that he does, hasn't he been very derelict, almost criminally so, if what he says is true, in not advising them before, instead of waiting until he was "soured" because of the fact that his party refused to return him to the Legislature? His speech on this occasion was as bitter as those he made two and four years ago denouncing the Republicans and Populists. And, by the way, the first political speech this writer ever heard him make in this county was one denouncing the legislative record of John F. Mitchell, the man whom he "praised to the skies" in his speech last Saturday.

A truly pitiful spectacle! But it has always been so in human history—that the deserter is more bitter against his former friends and benefactors than is the man who has always honestly fought them. In politics at least, the explanation is easy: He hopes thereby to prove the sincerity of his conversion and be rapidly advanced in the line that is standing in front of the pie counter. We have not the least doubt that Mr. Yarborough's case is one of this sort, and that it will not be many moons before we hear that he's a candidate for a Federal office. The chances are, too, that Senator Pritchard will recommend him in preference to some man who has spent his life in service of the Republican party.

A Word For English Sparrows

Not many weeks to the rear of us, The Citizen in advocating better and more stringent laws for the protection of birds in this State remarked that the slaughter of birds of all kinds "except possibly English sparrows" ought to be regulated by statute in such manner as to insure no diminution in the number of the feathered tribe. But a correspondent writes to protest against this "except English sparrows." Admitting that in this vicinity the English sparrow is not a popular bird, she says it has qualities that it is impossible not to respect. "It leads a strenuous life, and defies conditions which drive most other varieties of the feathered tribe to seek a less rigorous environment. Still its very aggressiveness, its determination to live upon the country, whether it renders an equivalent or not, has not, as a rule, directed the affections of the community toward it, and it only escaped an exterminating crusade two or three years ago through the protests of those to whom cruelty was revolting, no matter what the character of its victims."

With this protest, our correspondent encloses some newspaper statements which show something of the useful mission that she ascribes to the sparrow. Inside the city of Waco, Tex., is a ten-acre lot which the owner had planted in cotton, and several weeks ago the weevil attacked the ripening bolls in such numbers that the patch appeared to be doomed; but the town sparrows swarmed into the enclosure, attacking the weevil and devouring it by the million. Later not a weevil could be found in the entire enclosure. The cotton will now make a bale to the acre.

Not only does this make a creditable showing for his sparrowship, but it is one of the strongest possible arguments for better laws for the protection of all birds. They are the farmer's friend, his best insect destroyer. One kind of bird destroys his tree pests, another tends his garden and still others his crops. All serve a useful purpose to the tiller of the soil and he above all others should be desirous of some further legislation in this regard. Because of the increase in the number of birds every sort of insect life is invading the country, and even the English sparrows may be found, one of these days, just the reserve force needed for our protection.

No Trouble on That Score

The Craig-Pritchard joint debate is not considered a powerful attraction in the eastern part of the State. The Democrats refuse to allow Mr. Craig to make bait for white crowds to hear Mr. Pritchard make a speech.—Winston Journal.

Again the esteemed Journal is in error. The Democrats at a number of points in Eastern North Carolina are writing to Mr. Craig asking that he include their county in his list of appointments for this joint discussion. Only last Saturday the Democratic committee at Kinston invited him to open the joint discussion there. A similar invitation has come from Elizabeth City and from Newbern, while either the executive committee or prominent Democrats at Dunn, Goldsboro and perhaps other points have written urging that he and Mr. Pritchard come there, and promising them a large crowd in case they do. The Journal misjudges the Democrats of the East. They are amply able to take care of themselves and knowing that they are right in their political faith they are not afraid to hear Mr. Pritchard or anybody else speak.

Mr. Glenn having withdrawn from the senatorial race in favor of Mr. Watson, our Winston contemporary ought now to be able to settle down and devote its efforts to electing its man rather than spending its time throwing stones at the other fellows. If Mr. Craig or any other Democrat meets Mr. Pritchard in joint debate he can depend on the Democrats to stand by him—be he in the east, west or center of the State.

Precaution Against Disease

While neither Asheville nor the countrysurrounding it has ever suffered from a scourge of typhoid fever, still it is occasionally known in this section, and as the season for its periodical visitation is the summer and fall months, it behooves the sanitary authorities and every householder to now put in force all proper precautionary measures for its prevention and spread.

As is well-known, it is a disease that unless held in check by proper scientific treatment is virulent and very frequently fatal. Being a germ disease, its cause is not difficult to locate. Impure water and milk, and bad plumbing are generally at the bottom of the trouble. Since heat kills the poison, drinking water should be boiled, milk pasteurized, and defective pipe joints attended to. Scrupulous cleanliness should be observed about the house and yard, with the free use of lime and simple disinfectants.

In short, pure water and absolute cleanliness of the premises are the most effective precautions against the disease. Flies are prolific germ-spreaders in this connection and undoubtedly contaminate food. The dirty hands of a cook often result in the conveyance of the disease to the system through the stomach. Care should also be exercised in frequenting the sick chamber of a typhoid patient. This disease is no longer classed as uncontagious.

Noting a recent discussion of the subject by eminent medical authorities, the Boston Herald says:

Once it was held that earth was a destroyer or a disinfector of malignant typhoid germs, and that it was sufficient protection to bury the excrement of typhoid patients. That idea has exploded. Soil contaminated by typhoid patients is now known to be a direct purveyor of the disease. The germs of the poison may lie in the earth a long while, and yet upon exposure suffice to convey the disease. This was made certain during the Spanish war, when the persistence of typhoid in certain camps was overcome only by removing the soldiers to uncontaminated fields.

Dr. M. A. Veeder, in a paper published in the New York Medical Journal, reviews the evidence of typhoid infection through the soil, and advances some startling theories in regard to it. Burial in the earth, he maintains, preserves and perpetuates typhoid for years. The infection may be conveyed by the dust blown from the soil, or by eating raw vegetables that have grown in it, or any food that flies visiting the contaminated soil have rested upon. The lesson of this is that the immediate disinfection of all typhoid material is the only means of rendering the poisonous bacilli harmless.

But impure water and food that has by carelessness or otherwise been infected are the most frequent causes of the disease, and when one has guarded against these sources of infection as best he can the danger has been reduced to a minimum.

When the race opened there were eight more or less avowed candidates for United States Senator. Now there are only three who are really in the race—Craig, Overman and Watson. At this rate of elimination the Legislature may not have so much trouble after all in choosing Pritchard's successor.

The Democrats of the twenty-third Ohio district have nominated a blacksmith for Congress. He's said to be a man of intelligence, good judgment and fine character and his friends believe he'll be able to beat his Republican opponent who is now serving his third term.

A slaughtered bear in Maine, a dead wild boar in New Hampshire and a proposed bear-hunt in North Carolina—the President's campaign will be a career of slaughter if this keeps up.

This is the last legal holiday of the season; and the summer has gone by as though Father Time had a note in the bank.

A Suggestion to Mrs. Eddy

From the New York Sun.

At the state fair in Concord, N. H., a representative of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, the prophetess of that town, gave a pair of shoes to each poor child. doubtless this was a piece of praiseworthy benevolence, but a woman of the gifts of Mother Eddy might do a much greater and farther reaching act. Why should people have the bother and expense of buying shoes? Were it not for sin, erroneous notions, want of faith and a foolish yielding to matter, the barefoot might esteem themselves shod and so have shoes at command. Shoes are only a detail, but they are a mighty important one in the accounts of households full of children and feet. Christian Science would make a noble beginning of the conversion of the world and place itself upon a solid footing, if Mrs. Eddy would teach the art of shoeing people by means of faith.

He'll Be Senator, That's All

From the Newbern News.

Suppose Craig succeeds in besting Pritchard, what then?

Consumption of Cotton Gaining on Production

Theodore H. Price Predicts a Crop This Year of 11,250,000 Bales and Says That There Will be at Least 5 Per Cent Increase in the American Consumption of It

Editor of The Citizen: I inclose herewith circular letter in regard to the world's consumption and supply of cotton and shall be glad if you can find a place for it in your paper.

It is becoming more and more evident to my mind that the present era is one in which the world's consumption of cotton is rapidly gaining upon the production, and I do not think you can do a greater service to your constituency, who are doubtless much interested in the question, than to put the exact facts of the case before them. Yours very truly,

THEO. H. PRICE.

New York, August 29, 1902.

COTTON CONSUMPTION.

According to the computation of the New York Cotton Exchange published today, the commercial count of this year's cotton crop for the year, less one day, is	10,741,193 bales
According to the same authority the actual takings of the Southern mills of the United States for the season were	1,973,757 bales
According to the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, the world's visible supply of American cotton this evening is	797,354 bales
Against last year	945,626 bales
Net decrease for year	148,272 bales
Commercial crop as above	10,741,193 bales
Total spiners' takings for season	10,889,465 bales

If, therefore, spinners' stocks are the same as they were last year, it is evident that the world has consumed in round figures 10,900,000 bales of cotton I am certain that in America, at least, spinners' stocks are decidedly less than last year by probably 100,000 bales, and if this be the case, the total world's consumption of American cotton has been ..... 11,000,000 bales

Of this consumption there has been used in America:

Southern mill takings as above (actual)	1,973,757 bales
Northern mills and Canada consumption (closely estimated)	2,400,000 bales
Total	4,373,757 bales

Which agrees almost exactly with my estimate of American requirements made on March 14, last.

The consumption on this side of the Atlantic would have been even larger except for the coal strike in Pennsylvania and the failure of the American corn crop, which for a time during the spring and summer depressed American trade.

A large corn crop for the coming year is now assured The settlement of the coal strike is imminent. Trade everywhere in the United States is sound, and unless something not now apparent shall check its growth an increase of at least 5 per cent is to be expected in American consumption during the coming year. In Europe universal peace prevails, and the industrial activities of organized society there no less than here can hardly fail to expand under such conditions, although I am convinced that the marvelous expansion of industrial America during the past three years is as yet but poorly appreciated in Europe.

I feel, therefore, entirely justified in expressing the opinion that during the coming year the world's requirements of American cotton will be at least 11,250,000 bales unless consumption be checked either through a radical advance in prices or some reversal of trade conditions, of which there is at present not the slightest suggestion.

That a crop of 11,250,000 bales will be produced seems to me out of the question. Conditions are at present less favorable than they were last year. The acreage is slightly less and in order to meet this year's demand and swell the commercial count the southern country has been denuded of its uncounted supplies more completely than ever before, so that at least 500,000 bales of cotton not produced this year have perforce been counted as part of this year's commercial crop. This cotton cannot again be reckoned with. The southern planter has only this year's production to sell; and, as he is rapidly being brought to an appreciation of the position, he can demand and will receive very full pirces for it in my opinion.

THEODORE H. PRICE.

August 29, 1902.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REVIEW.

In their weekly financial review for last week, Henry Clews & Co., of New York, say the stock market has been dominated by a series of somewhat conflicting influences, such as good crops, the coal strike, monetary restrictions, reductions of Reading and Southern dividends and the manipulation of specialties by a few powerful operators. "A strong undertone prevailed and a real courageous bear on the situation it is impossible to find; but thus far there are no signs of genuine activity on the part of those best able to lead a bull market and likely to command a public following."

"The controlling element in the situation is, of course, the crops. While the outlook in this respect is less brilliant than a month ago, it is nevertheless certain that we shall have large crops of wheat, corn, oats and hay. This means that the west will enjoy a season of unusual prosperity. Cotton has declined considerably in condition, but the yield still promises to be larger than last year. The coal strike continues to be a drawback to the general market, though there are signs of an end to this unfortunate struggle."

"The immediate prospect is for a good trading market. Transactions are steadily widening, especially in the lower priced issues, and the various cliques seem bent on keeping their specialties before public attention. The best class of railroad stocks are too high and too closely held for ordinary speculative purposes. Moreover, they are entirely influenced by deals and negotiations about which the outside can be sure of nothing until the event has been fully discounted. The industrials are also comparatively neglected, and wisely so, for an increasing number show diminished profits owing to the rise in wages and the cost of doing business. There is little chance of a successful boom in the industrials in spite of prosperity. Railroads are still making handsome returns, but it should be remembered that this is more due to increased rates than to an increase of tonnage, and that increased cost of operating is likely to make an inroad upon earnings. The effect of the coal strike upon the railroads also deserves watching when the reports of the coalers are issued. A good deal of interest is attached to the continuance of the Reading and Southern voting trusts by keeping down dividends. Apparently this was more due to some ulterior plans than to financial necessities. The bankers who have moulded the destinies of the properties are not yet prepared to lose control. The next six months may witness some highly interesting developments in Wall street."

SOUTHERN'S GOOD YEAR.

President Samuel Spencer of the Southern Railway company issued his annual report Saturday. It makes a very favorable showing for the year ended June 30, 1902. The gross earnings for that period were $37,712,248 an increase of $3,051,766; operating expenses and taxes, $26,846,837, an increase of $2,503,212; net earnings, $10,865,411, an increase of $548,554; other income, $824,509, an increase of $325,803; the surplus, $2,100,897, an increase of $960,397. During the year $1,500,000 was paid in dividends on preferred stock, which is an increase of $300,000 over the previous year. An increase of 37 miles is reported in the total mileage of the Southern Railway system, which is now a little more than 6,765 miles.

J. F. Adams Dead

New Orleans, Aug. 30.—J. F. Adams, formerly treasurer of the city of Denver, and sheriff of Arapahoe county, Col., died at Tammany, La., today.

Adams was well known in the west, and stumped that section for Bryan in 1896.

107 in the Shade in Texas

Austin, Tex., Aug. 31.—The hot weather the past five days throughout this section has been unprecedented. Yesterday the mercury climbed to 107 in the shade. Grass is being burned up and the cotton and forage crops are suffering severely.

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A Word For the Toilers

From the Baltimore Sun (Dem.)

In his speech at Hartford, Conn., the President said that this government ultimately depends upon the wage workers. He doubtless intended to include the toilers of the soil, as well as the worker in the mill and factory and mine, and the whole class which in England was known as the yeomanry. This is a truism which has been said many times before, and since Goldsmith embodied it in his beautiful poem, "The Deserted Village." But in these times the President is right in reminding the people that there can be no true and beneficent prosperity in any country unless the toilers have their share of it. The country may be filled with the sounds of industry, the yachts of the wealthy may be plowing the waves, going from capital to capital; palaces may adorn the cliffs and drives of Newport, but unless the great toiling masses are earning enough to enable them to clothe their families decently, to give them sufficient food and to send their children to school there is no such prosperity as will advantage the nation.

An article in the current number of Mr. John Wanamaker's magazine describes the dwellings of the miners in a certain anthracite village in Pennsylvania as follows:

They live in houses built of sheet iron and boards, about 15 feet square and sunk about three feet in the ground. Of course, there is but one room, and in the room the family—anywhere from six to ten humans—cooks, eats and sleeps. Although there is plenty of space, these hutches are crowded together like troopers' bunks on a transport. The streets are so narrow one may almost touch a house on either side simultaneously. Behind these hutches stretched a great heap of ashes—the dump from the furnaces that ran the engines, a reddish-brown heap, packed hard by the rain. For obscure reasons parts of it were yet hot, and steamed under the contact of the veil of wet. And this mass, in cooling, threw off a stench like that of burning bones; an acrid, foul odor, sweet with a nauseating, revolting sweetness, powerful, unescapable, that pervaded the entire community.

It may be that the employers of the men who live in these habitations, the "Coal Barons," as they are termed, sail around in their yachts, live in winter palaces on Fifth avenue and summer places in Newport, buy their clothes in Europe and spend a fortune in American Beauty roses for a single dinner. But this is not such prosperity as a country may boast of or that uplifts the nation. This government depends upon the toiler, and true prosperity can only exist with happy and comfortable homes and a contented people. Fortunately for us, there are not many such communities as that Pennsylvania village described in Mr. Wanamaker's magazine. But even one is too many. Such a place is a plague spot, a running sore on the body politic. It may spread its cankerous growth far beyond the limits of the loathsome village where it has its beginning.

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JAS. R. DUBOSE, President Skyland Springs Investment company.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 23. 8 28 T