

## The French Broad Bustler

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'Rah for Bryan!

The news from Denver is not surprising.

This base-ball craze is something fierce, what's the matter with the folks anyhow?

If every democrat does his full duty in this campaign, W. J. Bryan will be elected president in November. This is no year for kickers. Victory is the watchword.

Our subscription list is growing. Fifteen new names added before noon today. Not bad is it?

Now that the bond election and senatorial are out of the way, we hope the people may be permitted to enjoy a season of rest.

The contest for State Senator is said to be "uncomfortably close." Mr. Ray appears to have won by a safe, but small majority. And it is not probable that he will "jine the radicals", and resign before his term expires.

Bill Bryan, Bill Crawford and Bill Kitchen. How do you like the trio, anyway? All are winners and victory is a word that sounds good to us—mighty good.

Presidential Candidate Taft tips the scales at 297 1-2. That's getting pretty close around the 300 mark.

Senator Simmons was chosen by the Tar Heel delegation at Denver as a member of the committee on resolutions and in accepting the honor stated he would support what Mr. Bryan wanted. Good.

We have not yet seen that challenge John G. Grant declared he would send to the democratic nominee for congress when named for a joint discussion of the issues in the approaching campaign throughout the tenth district. Mr. Crawford is doubtless anxiously awaiting an opportunity to accept.

It will be a treat to hear John G. Grant trying to discuss national issues with Representative William T. Crawford. Worth going miles to witness. Mr. Crawford is in just the humor to lay it on hard this year and woe be unto the erstwhile "prosperity spicer" who goes up against him. He is going to give them some of their own medicine and the pill will not be sugar-coated either. Where, O where, is that full dinner pail, anyway; millions of people out of employment would like to know.

Editor Jeseplus Daniels, of the Raleigh News and Observer has for the fourth time been elected to the honored position Committeeman from North Carolina on the National Democratic Executive Committee. This selection was made unannounced by the North Carolina delegation in Denver on Wednesday and will be generally approved by the democracy of the State. Mr. Daniels stands close to Mr. Bryan and will be able to render valuable aid to the National Committee in the approaching campaign. We congratulate.

The greatest demonstration ever accord to any man was that recorded breaker at Denver on Wednesday, started by Bryan supporters when the name of their candidate was mentioned and lasting for one hour and thirty minutes. If such enthusiasm as that could be transmitted to the democratic masses, directly Mr. Bryan would "win in a walk" at the November election. Let us hope the "disease" is contagious and that the "lightning will strike" all 'round the country.

## BRYAN WILL WIN.

The nomination of William Jennings Bryan for president by the National Democratic Convention was to have been expected. It was the work of the people, long before the convention met, that nominated the distinguished Nebraskan and the convention simply ratified their will. Mr. Bryan has been named because the masses were for him and believe he can be elected. Indications point that way and the people are going to see their will registered at the polls in November of this year, despite the efforts of special interests to the contrary. The democratic party and its standard-bearer stand for the rights of the people and the latter are going to be heard this year. No sort of question about that. 1908 is a democratic year and all "doubting Thomases" may as well get on the band wagon.

## BRYAN AND KERN.

The Democratic National Convention held in Denver last week named William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska and John W. Kern, of Indiana, as the party's candidates for President and Vice-President, respectively.

Mr. Bryan was distinctly the choice of the masses and their will was registered by a convention vote of 892 to 105, forty-six delegates supporting Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, and fifty-nine voting for Judge George Gray, of Delaware. The practical unanimity of action, which resulted in Mr. Bryan's nomination at Denver, is a hopeful sign.

Even the New York delegation, which went to the convention un instructed, voted solidly for Bryan who, also, received the unanimous vote of Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, New Mexico and the District of Columbia. If this does not indicate harmony and victory the "signs of the times" is destined to receive a "knock-out blow" at the November election. Mr. Bryan is unmistakably the people's friend, and of all classes. Recently in giving his estimate of the man, Governor Glenn said:

"Mr. Bryan stands for the widest broadest, most progressive and soundest principles of Jefferson Democracy; so Democracy must be shallow, else Bryan is intensely profound. If to be narrow is to stand for a government of the people, by the people and for the people, giving equal rights to all and special privileges to none, then Mr. Bryan is narrow, for he believes in protecting the poorest, humblest creature, whether the natural or artificial

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## WELL SAID.

This in from the Asheville Gazette-News of yesterday afternoon:

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You have sized up the situation exactly, Brother Godby. The proposition for bonds was carried "fairly and squarely" and there is no reason for experiencing any difficulty in placing them. Every requirement of the law, as defined by the Supreme court, has been complied with and the work will now be pushed to an early completion. Public sentiment has changed rapidly since the walks were laid and a majority of those directly interested is favorable to the improvement.

Fact, is the progressive property owners on Anderson Avenue, North Main street and some "further south," would not permit the contractor to "suspend operations," when the issue was carried into the courts, but guaranteed the payment of all expenses incurred in laying the new walks by personal contributions, in the event of an adverse decision. All realize that this is one of the greatest improvements ever started in Hendersonville and a fine investment for the property owners and the city, as well. The visitors are delighted and this very movement is going to prove to be of untold benefit to "one of the prettiest places in the world." We thank our Asheville neighbor for its kind words.

## MASSACRES IN KOREA.

Hundreds Murdered by Insurgents and So-Called Patriots. Seoul, June 15, via San Francisco July 7.—Nearly one thousand Koreans have been murdered by the Korean insurgents and so-called patriots within the last few months.

These Koreans were all members of the Il Ching Hoi, a pro-Japanese society. Most of the Koreans murdered by their fellow countrymen were peaceful, hard-working men whose only crime seems to have been opposition to the disturbing element in the country and friendliness to the Japanese protectorate.

In addition to those murdered there have been a number of cases of cruelty and hardship.

The actual statistics carefully collected and in every case verified, show that since the Japanese protectorate of Korea commenced nine hundred and twenty men of the Il Ching Hoi have been murdered by the Korean insurgents, three hundred and sixty houses have been burned, involving a loss of about \$50,000.

The revolution in Korea is gradually being driven into a corner. The scattered bands of rioters are being rounded up and either forced into surrender or their activities effectually stopped. The course taken by the government in the last rigorous campaign instituted against the disturbing element is approved by the people of the country, both foreign and native.

man, as well as the strongest and most powerful, allowing the mighty and proud the full enjoyment of all their rights; but like the Master, who will not suffer even a sparrow to fall to the ground unless He listeth, he will not permit God's poor to be needlessly trampled upon by the heel of greed and avarice."

The party presents Mr. Bryan as its standard-bearer again more hopeful than ever before of his election. He has grown in wisdom, with age, since his first nomination twelve years ago, and the splendid platform, dictated by him and unanimously adopted by the convention, shows the Great Commoner in the highest rank of true statesmanship, rather than the unsafe and "insane" dreamer his enemies have pictured him as being since he was first nominated for president in 1896.

Mr. John W. Kern, who was named as Bryan's running mate, is said to be a man of strong character, great ability and wide influence, having led his party in many hard fought battles in his county and State. It is universally admitted that his nomination has brought strength to the ticket in the North Central States and elsewhere. Mr. Kern has served his party in the Legislature many times and became its leader in the State Senate. He was the democratic candidate for Governor of Indiana in 1900, but that was a republican year and he went down in the landslide. Let us hope that better "luck" awaits him this year. We are confident of such a conclusion.

## BIGGEST NORTH CAROLINIAN

Really the biggest man in the democratic convention at Charlotte was Charles B. Aycock. He was a most zealous and devoted supporter of Craig who was defeated for the nomination for governor. After his candidate had lost, and the cause for which that candidate stood, Governor Aycock moved to make the nomination of William W. Kitchen unanimous, but in making this motion he said very frankly: "I am too fresh from the conflict to be able to share with the victors their great enthusiasm. I come with a heart that is sore for the defeat of as gallant a gentleman as ever led a brave army in any conflict," and then forgetting the man in his loyalty to his party he declared that while the resentments and bitterness created during the struggle "may rankle in our hearts for some time we will take and transfer them into a powerful argument and force against the common enemy, the republican party."

That was well said, Aycock never says anything that is not well said. He is one of the straightest and best men in North Carolina.—Charleston News & Courier.

If any evidence were needed there was plenty of it at the state convention to show that Charles B. Aycock is still the biggest man in North Carolina, standing head and shoulders above the crowd.—Lexington Dispatch.

That's right, brethren. Charles Brantley Aycock is the superior of any North Carolinian who is, or has been in public life since the palmy days of our beloved Zebulon Baird Vance. The people love him for his real worth and are only waiting for an opportunity to agin call him into service. Keep your eye on "Charley Aycock."

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