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## THAT MYSTERIOUS REPORT.

The report of the Committee that investigated the Democratic management of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad in 1903 is still in hiding. It has been two weeks since we called attention to the fact that it had disappeared from the Governor's office, and many other papers in the State have followed up our inquiry and yet the mysterious disappearance of that report has not been solved. Certainly some one knows what disposition has been made of this report, but they remain as silent as death. The report was missed from the Governor's office only a few days prior to our announcement of the fact, but whether the report was stolen, destroyed, taken before Mr. Glenn took the oath of office, or afterwards, we are unable to say, but it was only missed a few days ago.

As this report was State property would it not be proper for Governor Glenn to offer a reward for its return or for any information that would lead to the return of the report to its proper resting place. The stenographer's notes taken at the hearing before this Committee were ordered destroyed, and if the report that was filed with Gov. Aycock has been stolen or destroyed there is only one copy of the report in existence, and that is in the hands of Mr. Henry A. Page, of Aberdeen, who was Chairman of the Investigating Committee. But this copy does not belong to the State, and it would seem that the taxpayers of the State, paid a large sum of money for a report which they are never to see or even know its contents. However, it may be that the lost report will show up some day as mysteriously as it disappeared.

## FOR BETTER WATERWAYS.

Mr. John A. Fox, special director of the National and Harbors' Congress, who is visiting cities in North Carolina in the interest of increased water transportation for the State, spent Monday in Raleigh and spoke in the House of Representatives Monday night in the interest of a thirty foot channel for Wilmington. He told of the value to a State of a seaport with facilities to accommodate the large vessels and demonstrated how much cheaper it was to haul freights by water than by rail. The City of Wilmington and in fact the entire southeastern part of the State are anxious for a deep channel at Wilmington, and it is hoped Mr. Fox's visit will bring good results.

When the Republican Commissioners of Sampson County were indicted for failing to require the Sheriff to give a separate bond other than the general bond given, to cover the school fund, the News and Observer published several columns on the matter and referred to these men as incompetent and not to be trusted. When the Democratic Commissioners, appointed by the last legislature, were indicted for not filing their oaths as required by law, the News and Observer referred to them as honorable gentlemen who were being persecuted. When the democratic sheriff of Davidson squandered the tax payers' money in that County on a worthless negro wench—well, the News and Observer hasn't heard of that shortage and disgrace yet, notwithstanding that many other papers in the State have commented upon the fact frequently.

In the case of the Republican Commissioners of Sampson, a Democratic lawyer and another lawyer-independent in politics, drew the bond for the sheriff, and it was natural the Commissioners should have thought the bond sufficient. But the News and Observer did not state these facts to its readers. But with the Observer a Democrat can do no wrong; it is only the Republicans that are incompetent rascals.

During the fiscal year, ending June 30th, the United States disbursed approximately \$23,000,000 in the Southern States on account of pensions.

North Carolina's 4,183 pensioners received \$553,782 of the amount.

The Charlotte People's Paper says that Mr. Bryan received \$250 for making a speech in that city during the Mecklenburg Fair. It is reported that he received \$500 for his speech in Raleigh and a similar sum for his speech in Greensboro. We have not heard how much he received for his speech at Fayetteville, but according to reports Mr. Bryan's recent visit to North Carolina paid him handsomely.

## The Parcel Post Plan.

Postmaster-General Meyer showed himself the possessor of great practical ability when a month or two ago he announced a postal savings bank project designed to accomplish the greatest amount of good with the least encroachment on fields in which hostility to such legislation would be aroused. Now in giving details of his project for a parcel post law he shows the same excellent qualities.

In proposing to raise the four-pound limit to eleven pounds and to reduce the cost from sixteen cents a pound to twelve cents he proposes to give the people as good and cheap facilities for sending domestic packages as they already have for sending packages to foreign lands. It is one of the anomalies of our postal system that such service has never before been granted.

Some opposition is sure to be aroused among the country merchants, who fear an extension of city mail-order business which would cut into their profits. To equalize the effects of the legislation Mr. Meyer proposes a cheaper rate on packages sent along a single rural delivery route—a rate of five cents for the first pound and of two cents for each additional pound. Such a rate would be a great convenience to farmers in dealing with merchants in the nearest town.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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There is a rumor afloat that the four associate justices of that court are of opinion that the case should be decided in favor of the railroad and that announcement of the decision is being held back in order to give Chief Justice Clark time to prepare a dissenting opinion to be filed at the same time as that of the court. It seems to have been conceded by public opinion from the beginning of the prosecution that Chief Justice Clark would hold with the trial judge.

The Semi-Weekly Tar Heel, a Republican newspaper printed at Greensboro and edited by Mr. John Crouch, has suspended publication. The stockholders held a meeting Monday and it was agreed to suspend, pay off all indebtedness, and sell out the entire outfit on the second of November. Mr. Crouch has accepted a position on the Industrial News.—Union Republican.

The Tar Heel began publication about two years ago. Ex-Congressman Blackburn was president of the Company for sometime. Later the Company was reorganized and bought out by Mr. Blackburn and others and Mr. Crouch was made general manager.

A short time ago Chairman Spencer B. Adams was made president of the Tar Heel Company and it suspended three weeks afterwards.

## Where the Boldest Hold Their Breath.

We would like to know how many flocks of sheep are now in Warren County. We regret that they are almost as scarce as the wild buffalo on the plains. Worthless dogs are numerous and the number on the increase. The legislators have not yet been elected who have the backbone to legislate worthless curs out of existence. Men can be found who have the courage to tackle railroads, liquor dealers, and the fleas that gather under certain public buildings, but the "yaller" dog moves with undisturbed deviltry.—Littleton News Reporter.

## But We Sell Democratic Licker.

The prohibition wave sweeps Asheville and Salisbury is next marked for slaughter. The prohibitionists in Winston pray for the cause elsewhere, but so far no effort to rid Winston of the traffic is visible to the naked eye, while the Raleigh dispensary, which sold \$67,473 worth of booze for the past three months, flourishes unmolested. Perhaps after awhile those who shout loudest for the conversion of the heathen away from home will see the evils under their own noses.—Statesville Landmark.

## Josephus Daniels and the People.

It seems that North Carolina has a man who is striving to be the successor to the great showman Barnum, the man who believed the people liked to be made fools of.—Wilmington Messenger.

## Talk of New Road Through Raleigh.

If reports are correct there is still a railroad boom in the South. It is reported in Richmond that the Norfolk and Southern has purchased the Central of Georgia Railroad and will make connection with it by a line from Raleigh to Augusta. This probably means by way of the Raleigh and Southport road to Fayetteville and the Carolina Northern now building from Lumberton to the latter city and which has already been extended south to Marion, S. C.—Ex.

## Col. Z. P. Smith to Lecture.

Col. Z. P. Smith, editor of The American, the official organ of the United American Mechanics, has announced himself as public lecturer of that order. Col. Smith is a man of great energy, is a splendid orator and always pleases his audience.

## FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Some Squires of Interest We Have Gathered With Our Paste-pot and Shears.

Perhaps Mr. Bryan finds more pleasure in "pursuit than in possession."—Raleigh Enterprise.

A Tennessee man has discovered a species of worm that eats English sparrows. Hereafter the early bird will do well to watch out and not get caught by the worm.—Washington Herald.

Just suppose we had the law of China in this country which calls for the cutting off of bank officials' heads whenever their banks suspended payment. Don't you reckon there would be fewer such failures in this country?—Wilmington Messenger.

When will the machine Democratic papers find out that the last Democratic sheriff of Davidson County came out about \$25,000 short in his taxes? When the Republican sheriff of Sampson County laid just a few thousand short, these papers came very near having fits.—North Star.

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## A LETTER FROM "OLD SAMPSON."

Judge Furches Points the Right Way to Make This a Republican State—Are the Men Who Made Sampson a Republican County to Be Read Out by Chairman Adams?

Autryville, N. C., October 26, 1907.

Editor Caucasian:

I write to say that Judge Furches has struck the right key. If Chairman Adams gets harmony the way he is going he will get it only by reading out of the party all the men who want to make the party grow till it carries the State.

If Mr. Adams wanted to build up a party, he would not try to read out of the party the men who are doing most to help build it up. When he attempts to read Marion Butler out, then he is trying to turn Sampson County back to a Democratic County.

Sampson is the only strong Democratic County in the East that has been changed to a strong Republican County. Did Chairman Adams do it or help to do it? No. Did he ever change any Democratic County to a Republican County? If he ever has no one has heard of it.

Why does he pick out the most prominent Republican in the strongest Republican County in the East and abuse him and try to read him out of the party? Is it because he is afraid for men of character and ability to come into the party?

His conduct certainly shows that he does not want a strong and fighting party. And one thing is certain, the party will not gain ground under such leadership. If the new recruits in the party are not treated fairly, as Judge Furches says, then will any other recruits ever come?

I feel like giving three cheers for Judge Furches. The party needs for Chairman a man like him.

OLD SAMPSON.

## Big Addition to State Hospital.

The State Hospital Board met in Raleigh Friday and awarded the contract, subject to the approval of the Council of State, for the addition to the Central State Hospital in Raleigh. The contract was let at \$46,265. The new addition will accommodate one hundred patients. The Board discussed much needed repairs at the Colored State Hospital at Goldsboro and appointed a subcommittee to take up the matter.

"Do you think?" asked the sweet girl's mother, "that Mr. Watkins is serious?" "Serious? Ma, he's worse than that. He stayed here till nearly 12 o'clock last night; any one who had studied his face might have thought he was sitting up with a corpse.—Chicago Herald.

## THAT MYSTERIOUS REPORT.

Comments By Exchanges of the State on the Disappearance of the Report of the Committee That Investigated the Management of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.

We publish below the comments by some of the exchanges of the State on the mysterious disappearance of the report of the committee that investigated the Democratic management of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad:

"THAT MYSTERIOUS A. & N. C. R. R. REPORT AGAIN."  
(Raleigh Evening Times.)

"The Raleigh Caucasian of this week asserts positively that the famous report (famous because such strict secrecy about its contents has been so rigidly maintained) of the official committee that investigated the management of the 'Muhiet' road—the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, to be more dignified—is missing from the records in the Governor's office.

If it has been removed 'for keeps,' with or without the object of expunging its contents permanently and finally from the 'archives' of the State, the Caucasian is warranted in making the statement that 'it was no one's private property, to be destroyed at will,' but is 'the State's property and should be kept on file.'

It has always carried an air of mystery about itself, has this remarkably silent report, and the 'mystery' of its final taking off (if it is really gone) may never be made known to the 'common people.'

## "WHO ARE THE THIEVES?"

(Union Republican.)

"Information that is entirely new to the people of the State was disclosed this week by The Caucasian of Raleigh when it positively asserted that the record of the investigations into the affairs of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, was absent from the files in the Governor's office.

It has not been such a long time but that every citizen of the State remembers the circumstances attending this investigation; how every means of ascertaining the deliberations of the Democratic grafters over their corrupt management was hidden and how all stenographers' notes were destroyed and not a word of explanation given the public when they had a right to know. And now the record cannot be found in the State files where it belongs. Certainly The Caucasian is justified in saying it was 'no one's private property to be destroyed at will,' but is 'the State's property and should be kept on file.'

While the Raleigh Times may be right in saying the 'common people' may never know the 'mystery' these same people will not forget that Democracy was the rascal and cannot be trusted in the future, to faithfully protect their public property and public interests."

## "WHERE IS THE REPORT?"

(Shelby Aurora.)

The Caucasian last week gave out the startling news that the report filed by the Committee appointed by Gov. Aycock to investigate the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad has disappeared from the archives of the Governor's office. Where is it? Who removed or destroyed it, and for what purpose? It was not private property but an official document. This confirms the belief which generally prevails that the report turned much light on acts of corruption which would have made honest men blush with shame. This is why the report was never permitted to see the light of day.

Since the News and Observer is so anxious to investigate the records of the Southern Railway why has it not called for an inspection of this report? There is very great danger that some one might construe the silence of the News and Observer to mean that it was hit pretty hard by the report somewhere.

"It is said that the Southern Railway paid the Democratic Executive Committee of this State \$30,000 to be let alone, and that the News and Observer received a good share of the money. It has also been stated that the Southern paid little toward helping out the last Democratic campaign, and that is why they were not let alone by the last legislature, and are now taking their turn through the Courts."—Caucasian.

And this is the same News and Observer that is prosecuting the Evening Times for accepting \$6,000 for ten months advertising. It is now in order for the "Old Reliable" to inform its readers how much of this \$30,000 it received and how much "advertising" it did for the Southern in return for this money. Since we come to think of it, we'd like for this self-constituted high priest of Democracy to tell its readers what is the real difference in principle between paying \$6,000 to buy the influence of a paper and in paying \$30,000 to the influence of a party in a State to control its legislation? We pause for a reply.

Mr. Iggs—Is your programme full yet, Miss A'wkins? Miss A'wkins (under a slight misapprehension)—Not much it ain't. I've 'ad nothin' to eat since I've been 'ere. What time's supper?

## STATE NEWS.

Dr. B. F. Arrington, of Goldsboro, died early Tuesday morning. The Colored State Fair, which closed Friday, was attended by an unusually large crowd, and all were well behaved.

Mr. W. M. Morgan, a prominent business man of Fayetteville, died Monday morning at Highsmith's Hospital, of facial erysipelas.

Four very fine mules belonging to Mr. J. P. Sprinkle, of Clemmons, Forsyth County, were killed by a train near Winston Saturday.

H. C. Leonard, a brakeman, was arrested in Greensboro on Monday charged with causing the awful wreck on the Southern at Rudd, near Greensboro, on October 17th.

Judge T. R. Purnell has appointed Mr. Arthur Mayo Clerk of the Federal Court at Washington, N. C. This Clerkship was created by an act of the last Congress.

The North Carolina Bible Study Institute held its annual session in Raleigh Saturday and Sunday. Addresses were made by several men prominent in Y. M. C. A. work.

State Senator J. C. Buxton, of Winston, has declared himself a candidate for the democratic nomination for Congress in the Fifth district. He is neither a radical nor a Conservative.

The Fishery Company on the Cape Fear, near Wilmington, has been placed in the hands of a receiver. It is a New Jersey corporation. The amount involved is about \$120,000.

Gov. Glenn announces that he has \$28,000 for Spanish American War Veterans that he will pay out as soon as he receives the roll of soldiers from Washington. There will probably be another \$7,000 paid later.

At Wilson Tuesday morning Mrs. Thurman Fulghum was fatally burned by falling into the fire. Her body was burned beyond recognition. Mrs. Fulghum was a bride of only a few months.

The twelve-year old son of Mr. John Peace, of High Point, was instantly killed by a train Tuesday afternoon. He had just stepped from a train on to a track in front of another moving train.

Mr. Marshall A. Hudson, of Syracuse, N. Y., founder of the first Baraca class and president of the World-Wide Baraca Union, spent Sunday in Raleigh and addressed a large audience at the Baptist Tabernacle Church on Sunday night.

In the case of Francis and Thomas against the Commissioners of Hertford County in the railroad bond suit, heard before Judge Purnell in Raleigh Saturday, the verdict was against Henderson County for twenty-five thousand dollars.

## Boys Too Bad For Teacher.

King's Mountain, Oct. 26.—The graded school of this place is without a principal, a result of having some boys who are very hard to control, if indeed not absolutely beyond control. Prof. C. A. Fellows tendered his resignation to the school board Wednesday night and gave as his reason his inability to manage the boys.

## Ship's Crew of Forty Eaten By Cannibals.

New York, Oct. 29.—That the big sailing ship Arthur Sewell, laden with coal for the American fleet in the Pacific has been wrecked near the Antarctic Sea and her crew of forty eaten by cannibals who inhabit the islands near Terra Del Fuego and the Straits of Magellan is believed at the maritime exchange.

## Young Man Electrocuted at Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 29.—Will Templeton, an employee of the Southern Power Company, was accidentally electrocuted today. A hole four inches in diameter was bored through and through his body. Templeton was a son of Postmaster Templeton, of Mooresville, N. C.

## Pettibone Trial Again Postponed.

Boise, Idaho, Oct. 29.—The trial of George A. Pettibone, of the miners' federation, accused of conspiracy in the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, has been adjourned to November 21.

## Does It Rain Frogs?

Positive evidence is wanting on this all-important subject. The controversy waxes warm. Where are the nature fakers that they do not rise to explain? If left to the farmers, 99 per cent will answer "Yes." Most naturalists will say "No." Without drawing too fine a distinction, by "frogs" is meant "toads." I have seen the ground perfectly dry for weeks, with not a toad in sight. Suddenly comes a shower, almost out of a clear sky, all over in ten minutes, leaving millions of little toads hopping around, some so small that four could sit on a copper cent without overcrowding. It is asserted that these toads are buried in the ground in dry weather, and at the first warm rain come forth. Let us have some proof. If it "rains pitchforks with sawlog handles" and "blows great guns," why can't it rain toads?—New York Press.

## Thought She Was a "Culled Lady."

The story printed in our news columns today from Lake Park, in Lowndes County, giving the almost tragic, yet in a way comic, account of the journey of a young white woman all the way from the barren hills of Vermont to southern Georgia to marry an unknown man, the engagement having been made through one of those infamous matrimonial bureaus, again calls attention to that nefarious business.

As the story goes, and it is well authenticated, the young woman came the long journey to marry Rev. J. J. Roberts, who turned out to be "Burnt-Eyed-Jake," a one-eyed, burnt-faced, but rather harmless negro, who, when confronted with the situation, declared that he thought the coming "bride-to-be" was a "culled lady."

If the prudence of single women does not put these so-called matrimonial bureaus out of business, the laws of the land ought to.—Macon Telegraph.

## Where Women Vote.

Women vote on equal terms with men in four States. Established in Wyoming, in 1869; in Colorado, in 1893; in Utah, in 1896; and in Idaho, in 1896. In Kansas women vote on school and municipal questions, and in eighteen other States they have school suffrage. Montana and Iowa permit them to vote on municipal bond issues, and in 1898 Louisiana allowed women taxpayers to vote on all questions submitted to taxpayers. A woman taxpayer in New York can vote on a proposition to raise money by taxation.—Exchange.

## Two Kinds of Girls.

"There are two kinds of girls in the world," says somebody, "the girl who works and the girl who gads. Commend us to the former. Work lends dignity to a pretty girl—is an added charm to her. The girl who works—God bless her—combines the useful and the ornamental. She might gad about or roll on sofas, but she prefers to be some account in the world and goes out stenographer, teacher, saleslady, etc., and bravely makes her own way. Such are the salt of the earth and of such is the kingdom of heaven.—Ex.

## Ida M. Tarbell on the Government vs. Rockefeller.

Ida M. Tarbell, the famous historian of Standard Oil, will begin a series of articles in the December number of the American Magazine on the general subject, "Is the Government Prosecution of the Standard Oil Company Justifiable?" The articles will of course include a discussion of the \$29,000,000 fine.

## The CAUCASIAN is only one dollar per year. Ask your neighbors to subscribe.

Some so-called friends are like burglar alarms—they go off when there's trouble around.—November Smart Set.

## OUT OF SIGHT.

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"Mr. Dooley" in 1908. F. P. Dunne ("Mr. Dooley") will write "Dooley" articles exclusively for the American Magazine in 1908. His publishers announce that he will write a "Dooley" article every month.

## HARD TIMES IN KANSAS.

The good old days of grasshoppers and drought are almost forgotten in the prosperous Kansas of today; although a citizen of Codell, Earl Shamburg has not yet forgotten a hard time he encountered. He says: "I was worn out and discouraged by coughing night and day, and could find no relief till I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. It took less than one bottle to completely cure me." The safest and most reliable cough and cold remedy and lung and throat healer ever discovered. Guaranteed by all druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

## Many a poor woman thinks she can do nothing without a husband, and when she gets one she finds she can do nothing with him.

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