

**A PREDICTION AND THE RESULT.**

Last summer the following editorial appeared in the Caucasian:

"The Durham Herald says that if the Republicans would take advantage of the opening every time the Democrats let down the gap that it would not be long before there would be something doing in the Old North State. We feel sure that that fact ourselves, and a few Republicans are taking advantage of the opening, but they can't do it all. If we had the right kind of a State chairman that would put his shoulder to the wheel the result in this State this fall would not be in doubt."

In the same issue the Caucasian pointed out the opportunity to carry a number of congressional districts, and especially the fifth and fourth, saying that if strong men were nominated in those districts who would organize a vigorous campaign, that there was no reason why a Republican Congressman should not be elected from both.

The fifth congressional district did nominate such a man, and he did organize a vigorous campaign, and he conducted it without relying upon the State chairman, but, indeed, kept his campaign, plans and secrets away from the State Chairman, with the result that he was elected. But in the fourth congressional district a strong man was not nominated, and no campaign worthy of the name was run, and, of course, a Democrat was elected.

In the fourth district Adams and his patronage machine were able to completely pack the convention with postmasters and revenue officers, and they, of course, nominated a postmaster who understood that he was not to be elected. The patronage machine did not want a congressman elected in the fourth district, any more than it did in the fifth, but it was actually afraid of a strong man to be nominated. There was not only the fear that a strong man might be elected, but the additional fear that a strong man who would make a vigorous campaign would have great influence in the district to bring up strong, progressive delegates to the next State Convention whom the patronage machine would not own; and this is why a postmaster was nominated. And similar tactics were pursued by Adams and his machine in every district which they could control.

**DEMOCRATS FOR PROTECTIVE TARIFF.**

During the recent campaign the Democratic politicians claimed that unless Bryan and a Democratic Congress were elected that the tariff would not be revised, that the Republicans would not revise the tariff as they had promised to do in their platform. Some days ago the Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means called the Committee together for the purpose of hearing testimony from the manufacturers and other interests in the tariff question. To the surprise of the Committee the most strenuous objections to a reduction of the tariff came from the Democratic members, in fact, two of the Democratic Congressmen from Florida recommended a high duty on sea island or long staple cotton, giving as their reason that the Southern planters could not compete with the West Indian and Egyptian cotton that was raised by cheap labor. Other witnesses from North Carolina, Georgia and other Southern States want a tariff on iron, yarn and citrus fruits. While the Democrats have been clamoring for a reduction in the tariff it now appears that if the Republicans are able to make a uniform revision of the tariff that they will have to do it, not with the aid of the Democrats, but in spite of many of its Congressmen.

**The Times-Democrat's Estimate of the Cotton Crop.**

The Times-Democrat's estimate of the cotton crop is 12,800,000 bales. The yield by States:

Alabama, 1,200,000; Arkansas, 900,000; Georgia and Florida, 1,900,000; Louisiana, 500,000; Oklahoma, 750,000; Mississippi, 1,500,000; North Carolina, 675,000; South Carolina, 1,150,000; Tennessee, 400,000; Texas, 3,825,000. Total, 12,800,000.

If Mr. Bryan was in earnest he might go before the Congressional Committee and renew his plea for the colored troops that shot up Brownsville.

The Baltimore Sun says Taft is mighty and will prevail.

**WHY DEMOCRATS GO DITCHWARD.**

At the beginning of every one of Mr. Bryan's campaigns the Democratic papers and party leaders have always been able to figure out a glorious victory for their leader, but when election day would roll around it would be found that the voters had figured out an inglorious defeat for him. This condition of affairs has been hard for many of his followers to understand, but the Charlotte Observer attempts an explanation as follows:

"Until the middle and later laps of the race are reached he can run with any man. It is the prospect of his actually winning which always frightens the people into sending him ditchward at the finish."

Some other candidate on the Democratic ticket might have made a better run than Mr. Bryan, but isn't it a fact, that the people just haven't confidence in the Democratic policies and in the persons who write the platforms?

The conservative Democrats claimed that Mr. Bryan was too radical, and therefore could not poll the full Democratic strength. Four years ago the Democratic nominee for President—Parker—was known as a conservative Democrat, but he met with an overwhelming defeat.

The trouble with the party is the fact that it has no fixed policy or principles, and the voters have no confidence in their party manipulators. It is too plain to the people that they are simply after the leaves and fishes and have been advocating any and everything with the hope of striking a popular chord with something. If the Democratic party ever hopes to win it will have to divorce itself from the Tammany leaders, Wall Street gamblers, Standard Oil and lawn festivals, and select leaders in whom the people have confidence and write a platform that stands for something.

**THE SOUND OF THE PISTOL.**

The following is an extract from a recent issue of the Wilmington Star (Democratic) commenting on the great increase in crimes in this State, the cause, etc. The Star says:

"Just before the last term of Robeson Superior Court at which there were about a dozen capital cases awaiting trial, the Robesonian spoke of a 'killing wave' having passed over that county during the twelve months previous. It is said that during that time there had been an average of one homicide a month in the county. This was an appalling record for a county whose citizens are recognized the State over as being among the best within her borders.

"This fact only the more forcibly emphasizes the fact that crime is on the increase in our State and that life is being held more and more cheaply even among men who live in communities reputed to be among the best in the State.

"We find it no pleasant duty to make repeated reference to the increase of crime in our State as well as throughout the whole country, but it is a fact which the well-informed of our people cannot truthfully deny, and it is a duty, disagreeable as it may be, which we as a member of the press of the State feel bound by our obligations to the public, to call to their attention.

"Something must be done to check crime, which has become rampant all over the country. This thing cannot be allowed to go on for if it is there is no telling what the end will be.

"How is it to be arrested? Is the question. Another is, what is the cause and whose the fault?"

What is the cause and whose is the fault? Those are the questions we want to see answered. We move that the matter be referred to Ex-Governor Aycock for solution. In his inaugural address in Raleigh in January, in 1901, Mr. Aycock said that under, and therefore, by implication, in consequence of Fusion rule, lawlessness walked the State like a pestilence, crime stalked abroad at noonday, sleep lay down with alarm and the sound of the pistol was more frequent than the song of the mocking bird.

How stands the case today? Who is to blame for the alarming increase in crimes in this State since the Fusionists were in power? Are we reaping the harvest of red shirt rule in this State?

The testimony of Southerners before the Ways and Means Committee, in Washington, proved that the South believes in the Republican policy of protection. The Durham Herald, commenting on the testimony given by Southerners before the committee, says:

"They may not be willing to admit it, but some of them are about to come to the conclusion that some of the policies advocated by the Republican party are good for the South, as witness the evidence before the Ways and Means Committee.

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**BILKINS WILL START ABOARD.**

Unless Providentially Hindered the Major Will Start on His Trip Around the World Sometime in January.

Our special writer, Major Zeke Bilkins, expects to start on his trip around the world sometime in January. The Major had expected to go abroad several months ago, but was prevented on account of illness in his family, but he now writes us that he expects to start on his wonderful voyage about the first of the year. He will write a full account of his trip weekly and his letters will appear in The Caucasian, each week, exclusively.

The articles descriptive of this trip will be of more than ordinary educational value, considering the small amount it will cost to read them and they will be entirely original.

Both old and young people will be interested, for the story will be written in plain language. The descriptions will be pen pictures. You will live and move with Bilkins and see the great world through his eyes. Some of the experiences will probably be of the side-splitting variety.

Mr. Bilkins has had this trip in view for several years and his previous letters might be termed forerunners of it.

Mr. Bilkins will tour England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, India, Africa, Denmark, Sweden, Turkey, Morocco, Holland, and other European kingdoms in that portion of the world; also Russia, China, Japan, the Philippine Islands, and other countries in the Far East.

Comparatively few people have gone around the world. In most instances they have hurried through the trip, getting only casual glimpses of the various countries from the beaten paths of travel. Mr. Bilkins will travel leisurely and take in the interior as well as the principal cities of each country. He will hobnob with monarchs; but he will also go down among the masses and see how they live, and dispense advice where he thinks it is needed. Doubtless Bob will be the centre of attraction in many countries where the American mule is unknown. His eccentricities will play an important part in the articles.

Bilkins will hunt lions and tigers in Africa and elephants in India, shooting them from Bob's back. He will spend some time with the Sultan of Turkey and try to learn why he is the greatest ladies' man since the days of Solomon.

A special and most interesting feature of the series of articles will be exhaustive descriptions of Egypt, Jerusalem, Palestine, and other lands and cities anciently familiar to Bible students, but about which so little is known to-day owing to their lack of commercial importance. Bilkins will trace up old family history and relies back to the days of Adam and Eve.

Some time during the tour Mr. Bilkins will make an attempt to reach the North Pole. In fact, that is the height of his ambition. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been lost and many lives sacrificed in attempts to reach the North Pole, but it seems impossible owing to the extreme cold. Bilkins professes to believe that Bob can make the trip, regardless of ice and snow. Doubtless the stories of his experiences will be thrilling.

Of course, we cannot go into details. Suffice it to say that these articles will be genuinely descriptive and historically true even though they will not be written in a serious vein. Mr. Bilkins will be given plenty of latitude, and he will write in his peculiar style. But we can safely promise that the reader will know far more about foreign lands, the peculiar customs of the natives, their good and bad points, their past, present and future, a year from now than he or she knows to-day, and the stories will be interspersed with quaint expressions, odd experiences and thrilling narratives which will tend to relieve them of all dullness.

As a writer, Zeke Bilkins has occupied an humble and modest position. Society has never set its seal of approval upon his work. The great literary critics who can make and unmake writers are blissfully ignorant of his existence; fate has decreed it so.

But Bilkins has a small but growing coterie of friends who read his letters regularly, and refuse to be comforted without them. This little army consists of boys and girls from five to ninety years of age. Among the number who may be classed as admirers of his letters, on their testimony, we believe it safe to say that there are more boys and girls from eight to fifteen years of age who can come nearer repeating verbatim one of his letters written perhaps one or two years ago than any other writer can claim in proportion.

This goes to show that his work is natural and impressive, though far from brilliant.

The trip around the world will begin soon, and will continue for a year, or longer. Those who care to read it should send a dollar for a year's subscription to The Caucasian at once. If your subscription is about to expire, you should renew promptly. If you have been a subscriber, now is the time to renew. Do not miss the first letter.

**A WORD TO BOYS.**

Every boy who would like for us to send him a watch for a Christmas present should get busy for just a few hours and get three subscribers to The Caucasian and we will send the watch, all charges prepaid, as a Christmas present.

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**The Cause—The Result.**

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 5, 1908.  
Mr. Editor: Your recent editorial on the causes which prevented this State from giving its electoral vote to Judge Taft is timely and it is true.

The Charlotte Observer, just after the Republican State Convention, pointed out the great opportunity we lost, in not giving out a clear-cut declaration on the principle of local self-government, and, in commenting on the platform, said:

"One good Charlotte citizen, who is a great believer in local self-government, spoke slightly of the 'Patriots,' as Mr. Linney called them. He said: 'The Republicans have handed us a hood without a bait.' That is the way the disgruntled fellows feel. 'What is the difference between the two parties?' is asked."

The position taken by the Convention showed that its action was "cut and dried" and dictated from some unwise source.

A "subscriber" writing from Hope Mills boasts that there was not a single negro, or lawyer, in the last County Republican Convention of Cumberland County. Was this sentiment for one who wants to carry the State, or was it from one who cares for Conventions and delegates only? Here in Fayetteville, where there are four voting precincts, there has not been a precinct meeting in several (four or six) years! Those who dominate the county organization will not allow it—there is no precinct organization in the four precincts referred to, and has not been for several years.

Is this the way to get the people to come into our primaries and help build up the party?

This is but one of many instances of disrupted precinct organizations in the county at large. Besides it seems to be the "set purpose" of that element to drive away from the party, all whom they don't like, and others who might wish to come in among us—and so it goes! This is all because we have not a State organization that wants to win. The time has come for a change.

**REPUBLICAN.**

**The First Sabbath-School Began in "Sooty Alley."**

"Bobby Wild Goose and his ragged regiment" was the name hoisted after Robert Raikes, the first modern Sunday-school advocate, and his scholars. The thoroughfare was "Sooty Alley," and the scholars were the ragged boys who toiled in the pin factories of Gloucester, England. Robert Raikes paid Mrs. Brandon, a poor woman, one shilling each Sunday to teach the boys the Bible. That was in 1780. Four years later there were 250,000 boys and girls attending Sunday-school in the kingdom.

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**Vaccinated All School Children.**

Dr. F. O. Hawley, the official vaccinator of the city, has applied the virus to 500 school children this year, all the patients being new pupils of the school. This is always one of the first matters to be given attention during the earlier weeks of the school session.

**Where There's a Will.**

Helen's mother passed her the cake, and when the little one went to reach across the plate for the largest piece, her mamma said: "Always take the piece nearest to you, dear."

"Well, then, turn the plate around," was the answer.—The January Delineator.

**Woman with the Sun Bonnet—If anybody asks me what I know about you I shall tell 'em the exact truth.**

Woman with the Gingham Apron—If you do, Mag Parkins, as sure as I'm standin' here, I'll sue you for slander!—Chicago Tribune.

**If They Cannot Make It Ten.**

They are now talking of a thirty-day session of the legislature and we are heartily in favor of it if they cannot make it ten.—Durham Herald.

**Tommy—Ma, I met the minister on my way to Sunday-school, and he asked me if I ever went fishing on Sunday.**

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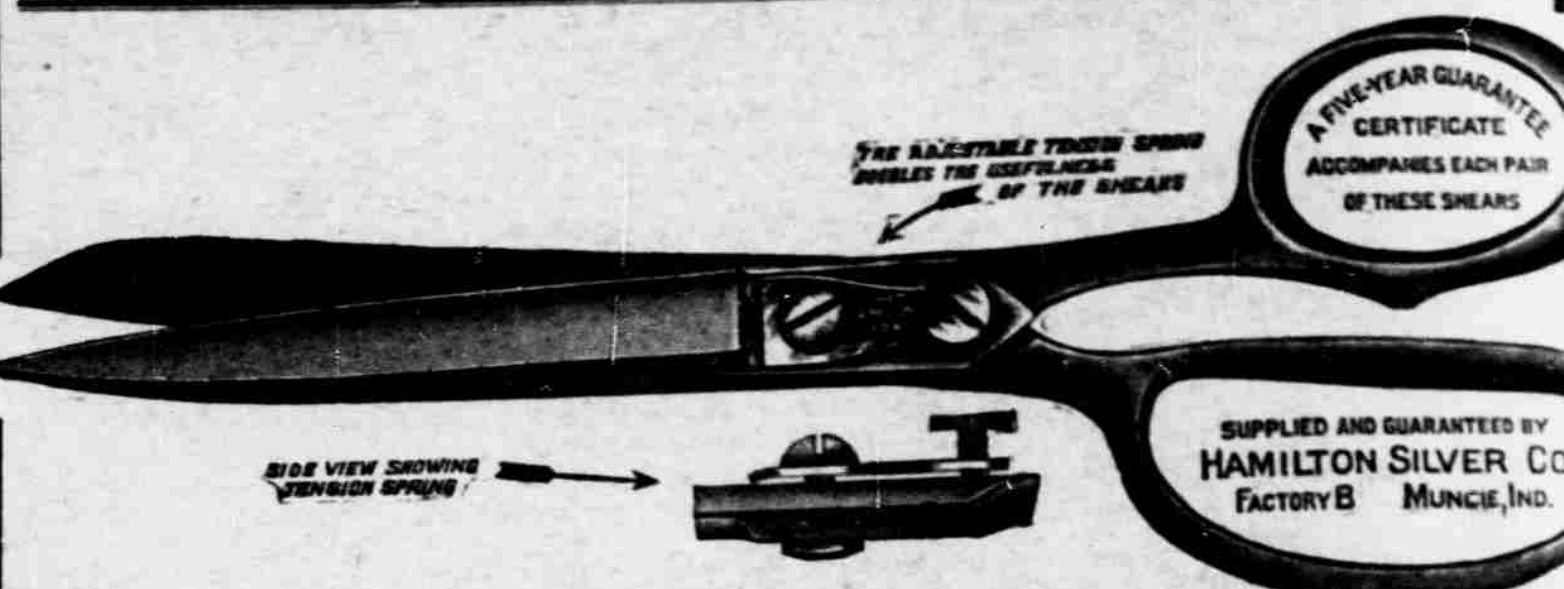
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**4.30 a. m.**—No. 112 for Goldsboro and local stations handles Pullman sleeping car from Greensboro to Raleigh. Connects at Selma and Goldsboro with A. C. L. and with Norfolk and Southern for Morehead City.

**8.45 a. m.**—No. 21, through train from Goldsboro-Raleigh to Asheville, handles Southern Railway Parlor car, Goldsboro to Asheville. Connects at Greensboro with Main Line trains North and South.

**12.30 p. m.**—No. 144 for Goldsboro and local stations, handles Pullman sleeping car from Atlanta to Raleigh. Connects at Selma with A. C. L. North and South and at Goldsboro with A. C. L. for Wilmington and Norfolk and Southern for Morehead City.

**4.05 p. m.**—No. 139, for Greensboro, through train stopping only at Morrisville, Durham, University, and larger stations. Handles Pullman sleeping car through from Raleigh to Atlanta. Connects at Greensboro with Main Line trains North and South; at Salisbury with Asheville-Knoxville and Memphis train.

**6.30 p. m.**—No. 22, for Goldsboro and local stations, connects at Selma with A. C. L. for Fayetteville and at Goldsboro with A. C. L. North. Handles Southern Railway Parlor car Asheville to Goldsboro.

**11.59 p. m.**—No. 111, leaves at 2 a. m. for Greensboro, connects with Main Line trains North and South. Handles Pullman sleeping car to Greensboro, which is open at Raleigh for occupancy at 9 p. m.

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Schedule in Effect April 19, 1908.

| SOUTH BOUND |         |               |         | NORTH BOUND |          |         |         |
|-------------|---------|---------------|---------|-------------|----------|---------|---------|
| READ DOWN   |         |               |         | READ UP     |          |         |         |
| NO. 5       | NO. 41  | STATIONS      | NO. 38  | NO. 6       | STATIONS | NO. 38  | NO. 6   |
| Mixed       | Mixed   |               | Mixed   | Mixed       |          | Mixed   | Mixed   |
| Express     | Express |               | Express | Express     |          | Express | Express |
| Sunday      | Sunday  |               | Sunday  | Sunday      |          | Sunday  | Sunday  |
| A. M.       | P. M.   |               | A. M.   | P. M.       |          | A. M.   | P. M.   |
| 9:00        | 3:15    | Lv Durham Ar  | 12:00   | 2:30        |          |         |         |
| 9:10        | 3:25    | East Durham   | 11:50   | 2:40        |          |         |         |
| 9:20        | 3:35    | Orama         | 11:40   | 2:50        |          |         |         |
| 9:30        | 3:45    | Thomas        | 11:30   | 3:00        |          |         |         |
| 10:15       | 4:07    | Carpenter     | 11:07   | 3:25        |          |         |         |
| 10:25       | 4:15    | Clayton       | 11:00   | 3:30        |          |         |         |
| 10:45       | 4:30    | Ar Apex Lv    | 10:50   | 3:40        |          |         |         |
| 11:20       | 4:45    | Holly Springs | 10:35   | 3:50        |          |         |         |
| 11:30       | 4:55    | Williston     | 10:25   | 4:00        |          |         |         |
| 12:05       | 5:11    | Willon        | 10:15   | 4:10        |          |         |         |
| 12:15       | 5:20    | Varina        | 10:00   | 4:20        |          |         |         |
| 12:25       | 5:30    | Angier        | 9:50    | 4:30        |          |         |         |
| 12:35       | 5:40    | Barefootville | 9:40    | 4:40        |          |         |         |
| 12:45       | 5:50    | Coats         | 9:30    | 4:50        |          |         |         |
| 1:00        | 6:00    | Turtinton     | 9:20    | 5:00        |          |         |         |
| 1:10        | 6:10    | Duke          | 9:10    | 5:10        |          |         |         |
| 1:20        | 6:20    | Dunn          | 9:00    | 5:20        |          |         |         |

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| SOUTHBOUND |      |          | NORTHBOUND |      |          |
|------------|------|----------|------------|------|----------|
| Day        | Day  | STATIONS | Day        | Day  | STATIONS |
| 5:55       | 5:11 |          | 5:41       | 5:27 |          |
| 1:15       |      |          |            |      |          |