

# The Caucasian

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## "THE MOST VITAL AND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT."

The Savannah Morning News, in an editorial welcoming President-elect Taft to the South, goes on to say that while Taft is welcomed, yet his coming will not do much to increase the Republican vote in the South, because the Southern people are wedded to the principles of the party of Jefferson, Jackson and Tilden.

The Charlotte Observer clips the editorial, and in reply says: Why "the party of Jefferson, and Jackson and Tilden" and not of Bryan, its latest candidate? And those underlying principles; which of those principles that Jefferson and Jackson and Tilden that the present-day concern has not departed from? Its leader, Mr. Bryan, himself stands for but one of them—that the most vital, the fundamental principle of local self-government—and his party in the South is out of harmony with him on that.

What is the Democratic party anyhow, and where is it? We grope. If our valued Savannah contemporary can point the way out of the wilderness The Observer for one will feel obliged.

It is well known that the Observer is not an ardent admirer of Mr. Bryan, but it is noticeable that the Observer admits that Bryan does stand for one great principle of free government for which the Democratic party formerly stood, namely, "the most vital, the most fundamental principle of local self-government"; but at the same time the Observer is forced to admit that the Democratic party in North Carolina has itself deserted this most vital and fundamental principle of a government for, of and by the people.

The Republican party in North Carolina threw away the greatest opportunity that any party ever had when it failed to declare squarely for this principle in its platform at Charlotte last summer. It is to be hoped that the Republicans in the next legislature will lose no opportunity to make amends for that mistake at the Republican convention, and it is further hoped that the next Republican State Convention will again get squarely on this great doctrine with both feet.

### A NEW YORK LIBEL SUIT.

A few days ago, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., brought suit against W. R. Hearst's paper, The New York American, for damages for alleged libel, and, at the same time, brought an action against Mr. Carvalho, the president of the publishing company which publishes the New York American, for criminal libel.

The newspaper report states that Mr. Carvalho was informed of the swearing out of the warrant, and at his convenience was consulted as to when there should be a preliminary hearing, and that a date about ten days in the future was agreed upon.

This is a very different proceeding from what it would have been if Mr. Rockefeller had sworn out a warrant for the immediate arrest of Mr. Carvalho, and had instructed the officer to arrest him and bring him before the court instantly, and not to allow him to give bail.

A great many cruel and harsh things have been said about the Rockefeller and about manners and decency in New York, but it would seem that Rockefeller in New York has more decency than some people have in North Carolina.

### MAJOR BILKINS.

Major Zeke Bilkins, our special correspondent, has started on his wonderful trip around the world. He is now in Washington City where he will spend some time getting on to the ropes before leaving this country. Read his letter in this week's issue of The Caucasian and every week hereafter, and if you don't laugh over his funny experiences then you ought to consult a physician right away. Tell your friends about the letters that will appear every week for some time and ask them to subscribe for the paper and ask for this week's issue. If you will read the Zeke Bilkins letters in The Caucasian while he is abroad you will never be troubled with indigestion.

If the Governor should place a pistol in the hand of every citizen in the State it is more than probable that the sound of the pistol would be more frequent than the song of the mocking bird.

## WILL PUSH STANDARD OIL CASES.

Our news columns this week carry a news item stating that the Supreme Court of the United States had refused to uphold Judge Landis' fine of \$29,240,000 against the Standard Oil and that this decision would end the case. However, just before going to press we learn that the Department of Justice at Washington will at once proceed with the trial of the numerous other cases pending in different districts. These are either against the Standard Oil Company for receiving rebates or against railroads for granting them to the Standard Oil Company, involving the same questions which have been awaiting the action of the Supreme Court on the application for the writ. These include the cases in the Northern District of Illinois and suits in the Western District of Tennessee, the Southern District of California and the Western District of New York.

The effect of the refusal by the Supreme Court to review the Standard Oil case on certiorari is to leave that case resting upon the judgment of the circuit court of appeals, and the natural result will be that it will go back to the trial court for a new trial in accordance with the mandate of the circuit court of appeals.

It is understood that the government is ready and will press for a prompt trial, and it is supposed that the retrial, like the original trial, will proceed before Judge Landis as the trial judge, although there will be a new jury.

### 10,000 SUBSCRIBERS.

The circulation of The Caucasian has been increasing at a very gratifying rate, but we want 10,000 subscribers and we must have them. The Caucasian is the only Republican weekly paper published at the State Capital, and it is the only one that circulates in every quarter of the State.

The party needs a first-class State weekly paper and The Caucasian is determined to supply that want. We intend to improve and enlarge the paper. We will make the paper better each week and when we reach 5,000 subscribers we will double its size. Help us to reach that figure soon and then we will be able to continue to make improvements. Remember we want and must have 10,000 subscribers.

A Democratic exchange wants to know if the time has arrived when a man can't hold an opinion in the Democratic party without being kicked clean out of it? That time arrived long, long ago, only it was not so noticeable until recently when many of the voters decided to do their own thinking.

When a Democratic layman decides to do his own thinking then the Democratic politicians are ready to read him out of the party.

The Legislature will get down to business to-day and we will doubtless have interesting news for our next issue. The Caucasian accurately gives the proceedings of the Legislature, and you want to read it carefully each week while the solons are making history.

The State Legislature met in this city yesterday, and Raleigh will be the Mecca in this State for the next two months. Nothing of importance has been done thus far with the exception of the election of a speaker and the various clerks.

### Troubles of a Newspaper Man.

That other newspapers have troubles is evident from the following clipped from an exchange:

"Lives of poor men oft remind us,  
Honest men won't stand a chance;  
The more we work there grow behind us  
Bigger patches on our pants.  
On our pants once, once new and glossy,  
Now are stripes of different hue;  
All because subscribers linger,  
And won't pay us what is due.  
Then let's all be up and doing,  
Send your mite, however small;  
Or, when snow of winter strikes us,  
We shall have no pants at all."

### R. S. Brown, of Robersonville, N. C. Asphyxiated in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 5.—R. S. Brown, of Robersonville, N. C., was asphyxiated in the home of Mrs. J. Monroe Campbell, with whom he was boarding, last night. The young man who had come to this city for the purpose of entering the Massey Business College, entered his room last night, and in turning off the gas jet, accidentally left it open.

### AGENTS WANTED.

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## BILKINS WILL START ABROAD.

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 fore-runners 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 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 today owing to their lack of commercial importance. Bilkins will trace up old family history and relics back to the days of Adam and Eve.

At 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 with 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.

### President Helps Orphans.

Hundreds of orphans have been helped by the President of The Industrial and Orphans' Home at Macon, Ga., who writes: "We have used Electric Bitters in this institution for nine years. It has proved a most excellent medicine for Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. We regard it as one of the best family medicines on earth." It invigorates the vital organs, purifies the blood, aids digestion, creates appetite. To strengthen and build up thin, pale, weak children or run-down people, it has no equal. Best for female complaints. Only 50c. at all druggists.

## RETROSPECTS FOR 1908

Important Steps in Progress of Civilization.

### TRIP OF WARSHIP FLEET

Conservation Congress One of the Most Important Events of the Twelvemonth.—Establishment of Cheaper International Postage—Events in the East—Prominent on the Death Roll.

New York American.] The year that has drifted past has been a strict and perilous trial-time for the American people.

Following the depression of 1907, with its loss of credit and threatened disintegration of the social tissues, we have passed through a year of slow and painful recovery. Now, at last, we begin to feel the glow of undoubted convalescence. The wheels of industry are whirling again.

There has been much social misunderstanding, controversy, disheartenment. But the hurts have been found to be not irremediable. Through a memorable presidential campaign, which began in apathy and ended in hot-blood, we have passed to a diffused sense of satisfaction and assurance.

We expect of the President-elect not great things, it may be, but wise things—an era of sober ways and steady reconstruction.

The early days of the New Year will see the end of a Presidential administration that has raised more questions—and urgent ones—than a decade can hope to answer. But history will not withhold its dignities from President Roosevelt. To ask great questions on a great stage is to compel the answers—in due time.

### Confident of Outcome.

With high hearts and a deepened sense of indissoluble union which merges all differences of class, we are launched upon the great issues of our age, confident that we shall arrive after a while at the haven where we would be.

More and more, as the years go by, the emotional interest of mankind shifts from the field of abstract ideas to that of material accomplishment. The signs are everywhere beckoning to be read that the solution of the social and political problems is to be found in a better organization of the inventive and creative forces. The thinker can never think out the way to social peace and progress; the worker must work it out.

Nineteen hundred and eight has been a great year for the inventors and engineers. Perhaps their most dramatic achievement has been the development of the aeroplane. At length men have put in an uncontested claim to the realm of the air and the freedom of wings.

Wireless telegraphy has made striking gains, and has become a familiar method of communication along all the main-traveled roads of commerce. Here at home the general technological advance has been signaled by the completion of tunnels under the East and North rivers.

### Fleet's Long Journey.

The American fleet of battleships—great floating machine shops, formidable for war, yet bearing a message of peace—have in the past year nearly circumnavigated the globe. There has been a strengthening of the commercial relations of the republic with the countries of South America and the Far East, and a definite establishment of political accord with the rising power of Japan.

Perhaps no national event of the year will seem in the long perspective of time more important than the initiation of the movement for the husbanding of the great natural resources of the country. Posterity will wonder why this event was delayed so long, and will mark the year of its coming as the epoch of a notable change in the national consciousness—the dawning of a new kind of politics engrossed less in personalities and more in the solid things of civilization.

An event of the past year that is larger than it looks is the establishment of 2-cent letter postage between America and the United States. A similar rate to Germany went into effect on the first day of the New Year.

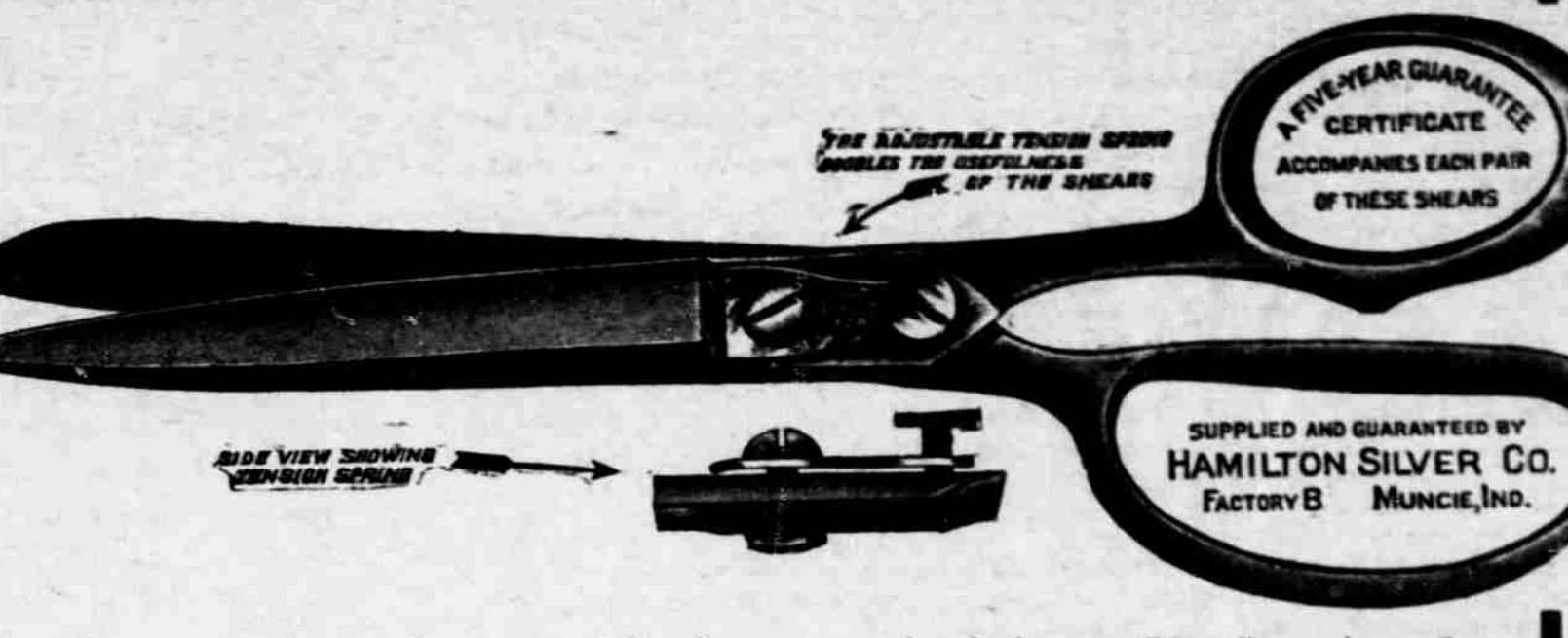
The Russian revolution goes not much forward, but it cannot go back. The reactionary forces are much in evidence, but the deeper undercurrents are surely setting toward democracy. In Turkey, in Persia, and in other countries of Oriental tradition, the democratic spirit has lifted an inspiring standard of revolt. China has awakened from its ancient sleep.

### Death Roll of 1908.

The death roll of 1908 includes the names of the harsh old dowager empress and the neurotic Emperor of Portugal, and the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia.

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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.

11.50 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		
HEAD DOWN	HEAD UP	NO. 38	NO. 6	
NO. 5	NO. 41	STATIONS	NO. 38	NO. 6
Mixed	Mixed		Mixed	Mixed
Sunday	Sunday		Sunday	Sunday
A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	
9:00	3:15	Lt Durham Ar	12:00	2:00
9:10	3:25	East Durham	11:50	1:50
9:24	3:39	Oxonia	11:37	1:36
9:30	3:45	Farmington	11:30	1:15
10:15	4:07	Carpeters	11:07	1:05
10:25	4:16	Uphchurch	11:00	1:00
10:45	4:30	Apex Lv	10:50	12:30
11:30	4:45	Lt Apex Ar	10:35	12:10
11:50	4:51	Holly Springs	10:15	11:50
12:05	5:11	Wilton	10:08	11:20
12:20	5:24	Varina	10:00	11:00
12:52	5:57	Angier	9:40	10:30
1:12	5:50	Barclayville	9:28	10:15
1:25	6:01	Coats	9:40	10:20
1:45	6:09	Turtington	9:08	9:42
2:25	6:18	Duke	8:58	9:30
3:00	6:35	Dunn	8:40	9:00

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