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EDITORIAL BRIEF

The Democratic party in North Carolina should join a law and order league.

For a "spiked" Cannon, Uncle Sam seems to be a pretty effective ordinance yet.

Wonder if Mr. Simmons' "health" will cause him to resign his seat in the Senate?

Immunity baths have become quite fashionable among the officials in several North Carolina towns.

Ex-Governor Glenn says that he is not out of politics. However, Mr. Glenn may be out and don't know it.

Another outrage by the Payne Tariff Bill. It will cost \$100 to obtain a seat to see the Jeffries-Johnson fight.

Is the Guilford County work-house trying to run a race with the penitentiary in its record of escaped prisoners?

The "growing pains" so proudly boasted of by the Democracy are nothing but rheumatism and the stiffness of old age.

The Baltimore Sun speaks of Democratic campaign pledges just as though it expected the party to keep its promises.

The News and Observer has failed to make editorial note of the fact that some of those grafters in New York are Democratic leaders.

The News and Observer says that the people have long memories. And that is probably why they do not want to return to the days of Democratic soup houses.

Truth sometimes crops out unintentionally. A Georgia editor says he wrote it, "We are a thrifty people." Now he is blaming it on the typesetter who made it "thirsty."

Charlotte does not want the mint removed from that town. Probably afraid the Democrats would decide to hold their conventions elsewhere if there was no mint in Charlotte.

If the Congressman from the Sixth North Carolina District devoted half as much energy and time to his duties as he does to obtaining remuneration, what an excellent representative he would be.

A Democratic exchange says that legislation is not for the poor. In this State the poor are the ones who do feel the effects of Democratic legislation and high taxes.

If it is a Republican who seeks office it is a desire for "pone" and "pie." If it is a Democrat, it is "patriotism"—which means all the extras, with "pie" included.

One of the New Bern aldermen has been convicted of graft. He is a Democrat, but suppose he had been a Republican! The "Old Reliable" would have issued an extra red-headed edition.

A New Orleans man charged with bigamy said that he "forgot" that he had a wife and seven children! That man's memory is almost as bad as the man who persistently votes the Democratic ticket.

The Baltimore Sun thinks it may be necessary to pass a constitutional amendment abolishing the Maryland Legislature. That would be a sure way to abolish the Democratic party in that State.

The News and Observer quotes the Scriptures in defending its position. When did the Observer's editor discover the Bible was a Democratic hand-book? Thought the Observer was the highest authority that could be quoted to Democratic politicians.

A press item says: "In Montseville, Italy, a number of people were hurt in a riot. The controversy arose over a dispute regarding the burning of St. Bruno four hundred years ago." Italy hasn't got anything on the Democratic party in North Carolina. They are still fighting on issues as dead as Bruno.

Every time that Congressman Morehead says anything or does anything looking to the electing of more Congressmen and the building of the Republican party, the Asheville Gazette News, the organ of the patronage machine, comes out with a loud wall to the effect that Morehead "is trying to destroy Duncan."

FINE OPPORTUNITY.

To Carry the State, "Provided We Have Something to Offer."

The Mount Airy Leader in an editorial, says:

"There are many things that point to success and the opportunity for building up a majority in the State was never more promising than now. The Democrats are hopelessly at sea, for their policies of recent years have not appealed, either to the masses or those men who control the large interests that have figured in the development of the State. The trend of legislation has been to obstruct instead of build up, and the State has keenly felt the policy of the party in power in its failure to develop its natural resources as rapidly as it should have done."

Besides this, there is a fight for office and honors in that party that must greatly disorganize it in the near future, for Senator Simmons, representing the more conservative element, will hardly surrender to the Kitchen faction, who, with Josephus Daniels, will fight for supremacy under the banner of the radical policy that has already proven so destructive to the best interests of North Carolina. When this fight is ended there will be plenty of recruits to Republicanism, provided we have something to offer. With the present high prices of farm products, the rural voter will be decidedly more friendly to the Republican party than ever before because he will draw the contrast between onw and those days when Democracy enjoyed national power, and farm products were hardly worth marketing. The wage-earner will also lean toward the party that, undoubtedly, is responsible for the fact that he is receiving more for his labor than ever before and work is plentiful. Last, but not least, the men who control the business enterprises of the State have, at least, realized that Democracy offers nothing for them, in future, as the policy of obstruction, which is sure to continue, is ruinous to them and the interests they represent. These, also, will be ready to join hands with the Republicans in placing the State in that line of progression which her natural advantages merit."

RICHMOND POSTOFFICE ROBBED

Thieves Make a Haul of \$85,000 in Stamps—Inspectors at Work on the Case.

Richmond, Va., March 28.—Combining the skill of experts with the simplest of methods, thieves last night or early this morning robbed the vault in the office of the cashier at the Richmond postoffice of stamps estimated to be worth about \$85,000 and incidentally carried off \$160 in cash belonging to the pay-roll fund. For audacity the feat was almost without parallel, certainly in this part of the country. The robbers could hardly have chosen a more public place in which to operate. They were within less than fifteen feet of one of the main thoroughfares of the city, which is at all hours of the night brightly lighted.

Box after box of stamps was removed from the vault. One man could not possibly have carried all away, nor could half a dozen men. The probabilities are that some sort of vehicle was used to bear off the booty.

Secret Service men from Washington, under the direction of District Inspector Harrison, have been on the case all day, assisted by the city police, and it is understood that there is a clue tonight which may lead to an arrest or several arrests at an early date. A New York dispatch states that the two men were arrested and \$30,000 worth of stamps recovered.

OVATION FOR ROOSEVELT.

In Speech at Cairo Says, "Not a Lion Did His Duty"—A Joke on Wall Street Cheered.

Cairo, Egypt, March 26.—"Not a lion did his duty." (Loud laughter.) With this declaration, delivered in mock gravity, Theodore Roosevelt concluded his remarks at a reception to fellow citizens from America. The joke was not lost, and caused hearty laughter, in which the speaker joined.

The reception was held in the beautiful gardens adjoining Shepard's hotel, and when Col. Roosevelt appeared he received a noisy ovation.

MT. ETNA IN ERUPTION.

Italian Volcano Again Active and Fears Entertained—New Crater Formed—Many Towns in Danger.

Catania, March 25.—Mount Etna, the grandest of European volcanoes as well as one of the most destructive, is bursting forth in eruptions again, much to the terror of the natives. A new crater at Volta St. Giacomo, between Alibonelli and Gattolico, has opened and lava and smoke have been rolling forth for a week past. More than two score earthquake shocks have been recorded within the past week, and the observatory has sent out a warning that greater and more eruptions may be expected within the next ten days. A dozen towns along the coast are in danger, and the horrors of 1852, 1853, 1892, and of a year ago, are causing the residents to make every preparation for flight. The latest cablegrams indicate very serious consequences within a very short period.

BIG COURT CASES

Will Death of Judge Brewer Affect Decisions of Supreme Court?

TWO IMPORTANT CASES.

There is a Possibility That the Cases Against the Standard Oil and Tobacco Trusts May Have to Be Re-argued—Much Speculation as to Whom the President Will Appoint to Succeed Justice Brewer—All Washington Interested in the Remarkable Oration of Former President Roosevelt Is Receiving.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Washington, D. C., March 29, 1910.—The sudden death of Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court, which occurred last night, has been a great shock to the Capital. There has been to-day an unusual amount of interest and speculation as to the forthcoming opinions of the Supreme Court in the Standard Oil and Tobacco Trust cases. Justice Moody has been sick for a number of months and has not sitting on the bench when the cases were argued. The death of Justice Brewer leaves these two great cases, the decision of which by the Court will be of tremendous import to the people as well as to every corporation of the country, to be decided by seven justices.

How Justice Brewer would have held in these cases has been a matter of much speculation, and it is thought that his death may possibly affect the decisions. There is, of course, much speculation already as to whom President Taft will appoint to succeed Justice Brewer, but of course no matter who is appointed, it will not affect these two great landmark decisions in establishing the relations between the Government and the corporations of the country. If the opinion of the Court should be divided, it is expected that the cases may be re-argued.

Roosevelt the Overshadowing Subject.

For the past week and more the overshadowing question of interest at the national capital, and no doubt over the entire country, has been the remarkable oration which former President Roosevelt has been receiving every day since he emerged from the jungles of Africa at the head of the Nile. It is believed that these orations will be much greater and more pronounced as he passes through Europe, and it is freely stated even by those who do not admire the former President, that he will unquestionably receive the most enthusiastic reception upon his return to America that has ever been accorded any American citizen.

The interest that is being manifested in every quarter of the Union in Roosevelt, in what he says and does, and especially in the position which he will take when he returns to America, has been significantly reflected at the national capital to the extent that it is now understood that every man who is in the fight for re-election will be sure to be on hand to cheer and welcome Roosevelt upon his return.

Arrival of Police Prevents Father From Butchering Boys.

Hartford, Conn., March 26.—An insane father was prevented from butchering his four little children on the banks of the Connecticut River to-day by the timely arrival of the police.

When located back of some bushes, his four boys were partly undressed and were lined in a row, the maniac father standing over them with the uplifted axe. A boy of four was to have been the first victim. The poor child was standing beneath the shining blade with a crucifix in one hand, calmly awaiting its fate. The others, under orders of the madman, were terrified spectators.

The father is a Pole, Valente Chonglie. He had been dispossessed this morning by his landlord and the occurrence made him desperate.

The officers, who prevented the killing, said that their hearts failed them as they beheld the terrifying scene, fearing that the madman would crush the skull of the boy he had before him, should their presence be detected.

Merchant Fatally Wounded and Two Negroes Are Jailed for the Crime.

Pulaski, Ga., March 27.—J. N. Thomas, a merchant of this city, was shot and fatally wounded at his home here early to-day, and Arthur Parish and Walter McBride, negroes, are in jail charged with the crime.

First of incendiary origin broke out in an out-house on Thomas' place and when he went to fight the flames he was shot from ambush, a heavy load of shot literally tearing away his hip. It is believed that the building was fired to lure him from his home, as the telephone wires at his home had been cut.

The Eleven Dollar Hog Has Come.

St. Louis, Mo., March 26.—Live hogs were sold here to-day for \$11.17 1/2 a hundredweight, the highest price ever recorded in the Western markets.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Secretary of the Navy Metcalf announces that the whole Atlantic battleship fleet would in November proceed to European waters for a cruise.

Congressman Bartholdt, of Missouri, is making a plea for a larger navy, declared that the "peace of the world rested in the hands of the United States."

March 25th was the hottest day for this time of the year ever known in New York City, the thermometer reaching 77. The hot wave was general all over the country.

A report states that due to an explosion of a gun on board the United States cruiser Charleston, eight men were killed or wounded. The report is confirmed from Washington.

State Senator "Tim" Sullivan, Democratic leader in the New York Legislature, is charged with graft and corruption in the insurance scandal investigation now going on.

The scandal involving present and former members of the city councils of Pittsburgh continues to grow. Indictments against over fifty have been returned, including members of both parties.

Senator Owens, of Oklahoma, has introduced a bill in Congress providing for a Department of Health. He stated that six hundred thousand lives were sacrificed annually owing to lack of hygienic precautions.

Gifford Pinchot, who was removed from the office of Chief Forester by President Taft, has sailed for Europe, presumably to confer with Col. Roosevelt, at Naples. It is stated the former President sent for Pinchot.

A bill authorizing the removal of the wreck of the battleship "Maine" in Havana harbor, has passed both Houses of Congress. The remains now in the wreck will be brought to the Arlington National Cemetery for interment.

Former Senator T. C. Platt, of New York, who died recently, willed his entire estate to his three sons. The value is not stated but the estate controls the stock of the United States Express Company, as well as valuable real estate holdings.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, who claimed to have discovered the North Pole, and who was subsequently discredited and disappeared, has been found in South America. Reports say that he is broken in health and fortune, but still insisting that he reached "farthest North."

Mrs. Sarah Brandon of Mountville, Va., aged 109 years, holds the record of being the mother of the largest number of civil war soldiers. Fourteen of her children served in the union army and two in the confederate, out of a total family of twenty-three.

While driving an automobile at a high rate of speed, Gen. J. F. Bell, chief of staff of the United States Army, crashed into a trolley car near Washington. Mrs. Slocum, wife of an army officer, was killed and General Bell severely wounded. The coroner's jury placed the blame on the driver of the automobile.

Crased from drink, J. H. Bethae, of Dillon, S. C., killed the conductor and porter of a train and stood off a detail of police and firemen at Wilmington, Del., barricading himself in the toilet room of the car. A fire hose was turned on him, forcing him out, and firing as he came. He was killed by a shot by a policeman.

The threatened tariff war between the United States and Canada has been averted by an agreement made by President Taft and Sec'y Knox, representing this country and W. T. Feilding, the Canadian Minister of Finance. This country secures valuable concessions from the Canadian Government. The details have not been announced.

Gary Brockman, the 12-year-old son of J. Henry Brockman, a wealthy planter, was found cut to shreds and in a dying condition in an old school house near Greer, S. C., last Saturday. There is no clue to the identity or the motive of his assailant. The boy was missed from home early in the afternoon and a long search led to the school house. His death is momentarily expected.

Danville to Vote on Liquor Questions.

Danville, Va., March 26.—Judge A. M. Aiken of the Corporation Court to-day issued an order calling for a special election to be held on April 23rd to determine whether the sale of liquor shall be licensed. The order was in response to a petition signed by 300 voters, constituting more than twice enough necessary to assure the election.

Danville was voted dry two years ago by forty-five majority.

Oscar-Zealous.

From Mt. Airy Leader.] It seems that, in the case of the Smithfield postmaster's shop, some politician has evidently exceeded his duty.

THE BANKHEAD BILL

Carries Half-Million for Test of Joint Road Construction Project.

BILL REPORTED FAVORABLY.

Federal Government May Go Deep Into Business of Highway Building—Senator Bankhead's Bill Provides for an Appropriation of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars for the Beginning—Each State Must Spend an Amount Equivalent to That Expended by Federal Government—Would Help the Rural Districts.

The Washington (D. C.) Times contains the following interesting summary of Senator Bankhead's bill which provides for the construction of highways through the various States. The Times says:

"The movement for the joint Government, State, and county construction of roadways seems to be ready to materialize. Senator Bankhead's bill providing for the Government participation in such an arrangement has been favorably reported to the Senate.

"An appropriation of \$500,000 is provided for the beginning of the highway construction. It is said in the report that this amount is purely for an experimental trial of the plan. If it works, and the local co-operation is assured, it is a fair guess that the Government will go deep into the business of building good roads. It will provide every Representative in Congress with an opportunity to do something substantial for his rural constituents."

Carries Half Million.

"The Bankhead bill provides that the first \$500,000 shall be spent in building better roads for the rural free mail delivery service. This feature of the bill makes it an act to extend a Governmental function.

"The reservation is incorporated, however, that for every dollar the Government spends in road-building, the State or county where it is expended must spend another dollar on the same road.

"This means \$1,000,000 worth of good roads out of the first appropriation."

"It is declared in the report that there is a country-wide sentiment in favor of better public highways. The automobile has done much to encourage this sentiment. Various States have made appropriations, and these have been supplemented by the counties, the report further states. Senator Bankhead now wants the Federal Government to do its share."

Double Purpose.

"It is set forth that there is now an annual appropriation of \$35,673,000 for the rural free mail service. This service is seriously hampered by the bad roads. To build better roads on the rural routes would, therefore, serve a double purpose, the report states. It would facilitate the mail service, and give the country people better highway accommodations."

"Senator Bankhead also refers to the fact that France has expended \$612,775,000 on its system of highways. It is, therefore, possible in this country for a single horse to haul on an average of 3,306 pounds at a load. In this country, it is set forth, the horse is only able to haul 300 pounds."

"The economic effects on land values and the general incentive to future improvement in country life are other reasons advanced for the passage of the bill."

HORRIBLE MURDER OF GIRL.

Lured by Promise of Work, She Is Strangled and Body Burned—The Murderer Arrested.

New York, March 26.—The body of Ruth Wheeler, the little girl graduate who was lured from her widowed mother on Thursday last by a decoy offer of employment, was found late this afternoon, huddled in a gunny sack on a fire-escape outside the apartment of Albert Wolter, the man charged with her abduction.

She had been strangled with a short end of three-eighths rope, hacked with a knife, burned beyond recognition and thrust carelessly out of doors like so much rubbish.

Wolter was arrested and the police have positive evidence of his guilt. He admits having written many young girls offering employment.

TWELVE DEAD IN FIRE.

Burning of Furniture Factory at Chicago Causes Fearful Loss of Life—Due to Carelessness.

Chicago, Ill., March 25.—The burning of the Fish Furniture Company to-day caused the death of twelve persons, nine of whom were young women. They were caught on the upper floors and were unable to escape.

Carelessness of a clerk in handling gasoline caused the fire. The clerk was badly burned. Many of the bodies were so badly burned as to almost destroy identification.

A BIG SWINDLE.

An Organized Scheme of Spanish Crooks to Swindle Americans.

The Caucasian has received a letter from a prominent citizen of North Carolina enclosing a letter to him dated at Madrid, Spain, January 26, 1910, which reads as follows:

"Although I know you only from good references of your honesty, my sad situation compels me to reveal to you an important affair in which you can procure a modest fortune, saving at the same time that of my daughter."

"Before being imprisoned here I was established as a banker in Russia, as you will see by the enclosed articles about me from many English newspapers which have published accounts of my arrest in London.

"I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of \$480,000 I have in America and to come here to raise the seizure of my baggage, paying to the registrar of the court the expenses of my trial and recover my portmanteau, containing a secret pocket where I have hidden the document indispensable to recover the said sum."

"As a reward I will give up to you the third part, viz. \$160,000.

"I cannot receive your answer in the prison, but you must send a cablegram to a person in my confidence, who will deliver it to me."

"Awaiting your cable to instruct you in all my secret, I am, sir, Yours truly,"

"DEMIDOFF"

The recipient is told to answer by cable and not by letter, addressing the message: "Gonsalves—Yacomtorezo 23, teccero A. Madrid. Particulars—Heaton."

Since then we have received another letter to another party from these same Spanish swindlers, which is identical in form and words, except that the last letter is dated Madrid, Spain, March 3rd. This shows that these swindlers are steadily at work grinding out these letters to American citizens.

How many have been or may be caught by such a swindle will never be known. In order, however, that the swindlers may be brought to justice, or at least their scheme be exposed, The Caucasian has furnished this information to the State Department.

NINTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING.

A Good Representation, a Good Meeting—They Feel Encouraged at the Outlook.

Lincolnton Times.]

The Republican Executive Committee for this Congressional District met in Charlotte Wednesday. There was a very good turn-out of the committee. Other Republican leaders in the State met with the committee as honorary and advisory visitors.

The members gave reports of the political situation in their respective sections and specially their counties. They discussed the outlook for the State and specially for this District. They talked candidates and issues, and felt greatly encouraged. The party is daily growing in favor, in numbers, and in harmony.

All that will be needed is an intelligent campaign, harmony, thorough organization, and good, clean and strong men nominated for all the offices which forms one great chain of political strength, each candidate constituting one link in the chain. And they realize that no chain can be stronger than the weakest link in it. In this, they are right, and are considering and planning wisely.

Congressman John M. Morehead was in Charlotte, but not in the meeting of the committee; C. F. McKesson was made temporary chairman and C. A. Jonas secretary. Speeches were made by Newell, Jonas, DePriest, and others.

They decided to hold the convention in Shelby on May 18th. Resolutions were passed that indicate thrift and progress. Will enlarge on this in Tuesday's issue.

MURDER AT BATESBURG, S. C.

Merchant Shot and Killed by City Electrician Yesterday.

Batesburg, S. C., March 26.—Clinton Rhoden, a merchant of this place, was shot and instantly killed on the principal street here this afternoon by W. B. Glenn, city electrician. Glenn then fired three bullets into Rhoden's body. There has been bad feeling between the two men for some time.

Glenn who claims self-defense, surrendered and was locked up.

Gen. W. P. Roberts Passes.

Norfolk, Va., March 27.—General W. P. Roberts, of Gatesville, N. C., who bore the distinction of being the youngest Brigadier-General in the Confederate Army, died here to-day as the result of a fractured hip sustained in a fall at his home recently. General Roberts, who was sixty-nine years old, commanded a brigade in the Southern army when he was 23 years old. The body will be sent to his home in North Carolina for interment.

Giving Plenty of Time.

From Western Carolina Enterprise.] "President Taft seems disposed to give Chairman Adams plenty of time to close up that law practice before he appoints him United States District Attorney."

CRIME IS RAMPANT

White Man Robbed and Killed at Spencer, in Rowan County.

TWO FOR WIFE MURDER.

Winston Man Sentenced to Eight Years in the Penitentiary for Assaulting His Own Daughter—One Negro Kills Another at Kinston in an Altercation Over a Debt—Two Arrests for Murder in Rowan County in One Day—Other Crimes.

Salisbury, N. C., March 27.—Arthur Carter, colored, was jailed without bail this afternoon on a charge of murdering his wife. The woman died yesterday and Sheriff McKenzie, learning of the suspicious circumstances surrounding the death, arrested Carter, who was found at the home of a neighbor on West Cemetery street. Carter beat the woman several days ago and struck her a violent blow on the head. An autopsy developed the fact that death was caused probably by the blow.

News of a home life at Bear Flap, this county, reached the city to-day, when Cavers Patton, colored, was brought here and lodged in Rowan jail. During a drunken quarrel in that township Patton last night shot and killed Lee Terrence, also colored. Patton made no effort to escape.

White Man Assaults Daughter.

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 26.—W. G. Wright, commonly known as Buck Wright, an old man of 62 years, was found guilty in superior court here of criminal assault with intent to rape his 15-year-old daughter, Annie, the jury returning the verdict shortly after 7 o'clock. He was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary.

Killed After Being Robbed.

Spencer, N. C., March 23.—James Martin was shot to death in Lakeville Alley yesterday by a coal miner, who, it is said, had robbed him of his money and with whom he had a hard night fight. The miner is said to have lost in the fight and to have whipped out a revolver, shooting the North Carolinian to death.

Martin's body was brought to Gold Hill for interment to-day. He leaves a wife and four children.

Killed Over a Debt.

Kinston, N. C., March 25.—In an altercation over a debt in Dogtown tonight, John Miller, a negro, shot and almost instantly killed Lloyd Daniels, another negro.

Two Killings Near Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., March 29.—Yesterday Will Walker shot and killed Bub Durham at Shelby. Walker claims that he did not know the gun was loaded. Both are negroes.

At Caroleen, Mr. Chas. Walters became involved with two mail carriers, Samuel Nelson and one Hames. In the fight Walters was shot and killed. Hames is accused of firing the fatal shot and is in jail.

Slashed Nearly to Death.

Wilmington, N. C., March 29.—Anna McKoy, a negro woman, was found weltering in blood on the found wetting in blood on the street by a policeman. A negro is accused of the crime and a warrant has been issued. She will live.

FOR A DIABOLICAL CRIME.

Tom Wilkins Sentenced for Thirty Years, and an Accomplice Gets Eight Years for Murdering Ed. Finch.

Nashville, N. C., March 25.—Tom Wilkins was given a sentence of thirty years and Tom Smith, one of eight years by the court, after conviction in the Superior Court here for the murder of Ed. Finch.

Before being sent to Raleigh to serve sentence, Smith made an interesting statement. He said Wilkins killed Finch by striking him on the head with an axe. The two, with Nancy and Archie Smith, took the dead body and laid it on the tracks of the Norfolk and Southern. Archie Smith has been arrested and is in jail awaiting trial.

LAST OF THE NEW BERN ALDERMANIC CASES.

E. H. Williams Adjudged Guilty, But He Also Takes an Appeal.

New Bern, N. C., March 24.—This afternoon Judge G. S. Ferguson handed down his decision in the case of Eugene H. Williams, city alderman, charged with buying and selling the defendant guilty and fined him one dollar and the costs of the case.

The defendant appealed to the Superior Court.

No Problem at All.

Greensboro News.] The Charlotte Observer makes a good point: "Why agitate for a reduction of prices, why not raise the price of stock and make money?" Well said, but what are you going to do with a thick-headed Democrat that a good idea can't generate?