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EDITORIAL BRIEFS

With "Doc" Faison it is now not a case of not having said it, but wishing that he hadn't.

The Democrats put up a howl about centralization of power, but still deny the people home rule.

Lumberton is talking about having clean streets. They had better clean up their politics down there first.

The funniest thing about it was the News and Observer glorying over an anti-prohibition victory in Maine.

The News and Observer got that bite of Godwin crow in its mouth all right, but it gagged when it swallowed.

The News and Observer says that Maine went "hell-wards." We know it, but we didn't expect them to admit it.

The Pitt County Democrats have evidently discovered that the prohibition law prohibits a man from getting sober.

Governor Kitchin says there are only Republicans in the penitentiary now. How so, Governor; have you pardoned all the Democrats?

An evening paper at Raleigh says that the Democrats of Wake County start out with a vote of "51,100." Gosh, where will they wind up?

Governor Kitchin always reads those parts of his speeches that refer to Josephus Daniels. Wonder if they are printed on asbestos paper?

Mr. J. Willum Bailey holds the purse strings of the Daniels-Bailey outfit. He is eminently qualified to do so, as Locke Craig might testify.

Prof. Woodrow Wilson has been named for Governor by the New Jersey Democrats. He will find it ought to be "Hardrow," and a mighty hard one at that.

The blind Senator from Oklahoma is speaking to Democratic audiences in this State. It is a case of the blind leading the blind—and the ditch is not far off.

The Randolph Bulletin states that the financial report of the Democratic commissioners would "give an adding machine the headache and make a Chinese puzzle look simple."

The High Point Enterprise says that fertilizer is to be made from the air. It will probably be manufactured from foul "hot air" of some of the Democratic speakers in the State.

A sure recipe to swell the population of a town is to have a News and Observer reporter write up a Democratic meeting. He can see ten men where an ordinary mortal can see only one.

If it cost Hoke Smith \$17,000 to get the nomination for Governor of Georgia and the Governor's salary is only \$3,000 a year, how will Hoke recoup the additional thousands he put into the campaign?

The Winston Journal says that Stedman will speak there soon and that Aycock will follow. Don't take it so hard, brother, it might be worse. You might have a News and Observer printed in your town.

A report of the proceedings of the Daniels-Bailey crowd in an afternoon paper states that the Wake Democrats "start out with 51,100 votes." Either the census man is all wrong or else Wake County has gone Halifax.

One of the Democratic Congressmen from this State says "the money is coming." Now don't get so excited; he's only talking about the funds for the public buildings that the Republican Congress gave to North Carolina.

POPULATION OF CITIES.

Chicago Has 2,185,283 Inhabitants—New Orleans Has 339,075—Other Towns.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—The population of Chicago is 2,185,283, an increase of 486,708, or 28.7 per cent as compared with 1,698,575 in 1900.

This announcement leaves Chicago ranking in population as the second city in the United States and the fourth in the world.

Chicago has almost doubled its population since 1890 when the figures were 1,099,850. Its greatest growth during that period was between 1890 and 1900, when there was an increase of 54.4. Its increase in population during the past decade was not so great proportionately as that of New York, the rate of increase being 16 per cent less than that scored by the eastern city. New York is yet ahead of its closest rival by 2,581,550.

Chicago, however, can claim distinction in having jumped from sixth to fourth place among the big cities on the globe. It is following close upon the heels of Paris, whose population by its last census, in 1901, was 2,714,068. Chicago takes precedence over Tokio and Berlin by close margins. According to the census taken in each of the two cities in 1908, Tokio had 2,085,160 and Berlin had 2,040,148.

The population of New Orleans is 339,075, an increase of 51,971 or 18.1 per cent, as compared with 287,104 in 1900.

While New Orleans' growth during the past decade was only slightly below her percentage of increase of the previous decade, the Crescent city, through the more rapid growth of other cities in the 100,000 class, has lost its position of twelfth in the list of the country's biggest cities, and now occupies fifteenth position. Detroit, with a 63 per cent increase, Milwaukee, with 31 per cent, and Newark, N. J., with 41.2 per cent, have all jumped ahead of New Orleans in the number of inhabitants and now occupy 11th, 13th and 14th positions respectively.

Holyoke, Mass., has 57,730 people, an increase of 12,018 or 26.3 per cent, as compared with 45,712 in 1900.

Lowell, Mass., has 106,294 people, an increase of 11,325 or 11.9 per cent, as compared with 94,969 in 1900.

Pittsfield, Mass. has 32,121 people, an increase of 10,355 or 47.6 per cent, as compared with 21,766 in 1900.

ALLEGED DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FRAUD.

Committee in Virginia Investigating Charges at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 19.—The committee appointed by the Democratic State Committee to investigate the charge of fraud in the recent Congressional primary, heard no evidence at its first sitting to-day. A sub-committee consisting of three members was named to examine the poll books used in the primary, and it was announced that all charges of fraud and irregularities of any description must be filed by Friday morning, and answers to such charges must be made not later than next Tuesday.

CHARLTON EXAMINED.

He Comes Up for Trial in Jersey City Wednesday—Doctors Say He is Same.

New York, Sept. 19.—Porter Charlton, who killed his wife at Lake Como, Italy, was examined to-day in jail at Jersey City by Dr. Allen McCall Hamilton and Dr. William Fisher, two noted alienists. They will testify when he comes up for trial Wednesday for the prosecution. They are reported to have said that Charlton was as sane as hew as when he was arrested.

On Trial for Murder He Commits Suicide.

Doniphan, Mo., Sept. 17.—Thomas N. Kennon, who was on trial on the charge of murder, left the court room today and killed himself in a room at a hotel. He left a note which read: "Swearing lies has ruined me. Good bye to all my friends."

Kennon was charged with killing F. M. Hughes, a neighbor. He pleaded self-defence. It was expected that the testimony in the case would be completed today.

Two Years for Swindling Government

New York, Sept. 14.—Ernest W. Gerbracht, former superintendent of the sugar trust refinery in Williamsburg, today was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., together with a fine of \$5,000 by United States Judge Martin. He was tried and found guilty of defrauding the government by the false weighing of sugar.

BRYAN BOLTS TICKET

The 'Peerless One' Will Not Support Democratic Candidate for Governor.

ROW OVER LIQUOR ISSUE

Mr. Bryan Has Not Said He Will Give Active Support to Opposing Candidate, But Will Work for the Defeat of the Democratic Nominee—Turns on His Old Political Friend—Bryan's Attitude Means That Democratic Party in Nebraska Will Be Rent in Twain.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 20.—In a statement in which he declares that the crusade which he feels impelled to wage against the liquor interests of the State and Nation overshadows a personal and political friendship of twenty years, William J. Bryan this evening announced he had bolted the head of the Democratic State ticket in Nebraska and would not support James G. Dahlgren for Governor.

Mr. Bryan says he regrets that he is compelled to take the stand he does—his first departure from political regularity—but says he feels it his duty to do so because of the position taken by the Democratic nominee on the liquor question. The statement does not indicate that Mr. Bryan will support the candidate of any other party, but announces that he is a pronounced advocate of county option and the early saloon closing law, both of which he insists are menaced by Mr. Dahlgren's candidacy.

Can't Endorse Policy.

After declaring that it would afford him great pleasure to speak for Dahlgren if he could endorse the policy for which the latter stands, "but," Mr. Bryan says Dahlgren, "has chosen to make the liquor question the paramount issue and makes his appeal on that issue."

Continuing, Mr. Bryan says: "Possibly it is just as well to have the issue clearly presented, so that it may be settled this year instead of two years hence. Troublesome as the question is now, it could be even more embarrassing if presented in 1912, when a Presidential election is on hand. If Mr. Dahlgren is elected, it will be a declaration by the voters of the State against county option and against the 8 o'clock closing law. If he is defeated it will be a declaration in favor of county option and in favor of the 8 o'clock closing law. In other words, the voters now have an opportunity to decide whether the States shall go backward or forward on the liquor question. The present arguments in favor of going backward would not only contradict what I have already said on the subject, but would embarrass me in the fight that I expect to make hereafter to save our party from the hoodlumism of being the representative of the liquor interests."

SHOT POLICE CHIEF.

Spring Hope Retailer Fatally Wounded Officer Stallings—Posses Are in Pursuit.

Spring Hope, N. C., Sept. 19.—Last night at 8.30 o'clock Norman Lewis, a negro, shot and fatally wounded Chief of Police J. M. Stallings. The officer, accompanied by Bob Wrenn, went to Lewis' home to arrest him on a warrant charging retailing. Wrenn went to the rear and from the front door Stallings called to the negro to come out.

Lewis replied that he was not coming out and said he had not sold whiskey. A second later he called to his wife to put out the light and open the door. Instantly a gunshot rang out and Stallings fell, the load of shot taking effect in his breast. Only his badge saved him from instant death, the greater part of the load striking it.

There is no doubt that the shooting of the officer was premeditated and it is only a miracle that he was not instantly killed.

Mr. Stallings was taken to Richmond for an operation. The physicians say he will die.

The excitement has been intense here all day, but if the negro is captured now it is thought the law will be allowed to take its course. The negro's wife is in jail.

Later.—The negro was taken at Henderson Tuesday and brought to Raleigh for safe-keeping, it being feared he would be lynched if taken to Nashville.

Speaker Cannon Re-nominated.

Danville, Ill., Sept. 17.—Speaker Joseph G. Cannon was re-nominated in the Eighth District by a majority close to 6,000. He was opposed by Henry G. Downs, an insurgent of his own city.

WAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Convention Harmonious and Very Enthusiastic—Name a Strong and Winning Ticket—Resolutions Denouncing Democratic Injustice and Unequal Taxation.

The Republicans of Wake County on last Saturday nominated a strong and winning ticket. The convention was marked by the utmost harmony and was enthusiastic to the highest degree. There was no going backward, every one was out to win and what was more remarkable in a political convention, every one seemed pleased with the ticket.

The convention was called to order by Permanent Chairman A. D. Upchurch, who announced that the first nominations would be for members of the lower house of the General Assembly. For these places, three in number, there was placed in nomination Mr. O. G. Ellen, of House of Commons, by Mr. W. T. Barrow; Mr. D. H. Stancil, of St. Mary's, by Mr. L. F. Butler, and Mr. J. H. Arnold, of Barton's Creek, by Mr. C. M. Bernard. On motion, these gentlemen were named by acclamation, the convention giving a hearty cheer as they did so.

Col. J. C. L. Harris placed the name of Mr. John W. Harden, of Raleigh, before the convention for Clerk of the Court and there was a chorus of seconds. Mr. Harden was also named by acclamation, his name being cheered.

The nomination of Sheriff then coming up, Col. Harris moved that no nomination be made, but to leave the field open to Mr. Sears, the Democratic candidate, the only one of the "ring" crowd to win out over the Daniels-Bailey outfit. He argued that by so doing Mr. Sears' opposition would be nullified. Several delegates opposed the motion. Mr. W. T. Barrow, J. W. Harden and others speaking strongly against the proposition, and urged the naming of a straight ticket. This was evidently the sense of the convention, as the expressions of the speakers was often cheered.

Mr. Barrow moved to lay the motion on the table and upon Col. Harris' motion, a call of townships was made. The vote was decisively against leaving the place open, the vote being 84 to 21.

Mr. Barrow, in a ringing speech placed the name of W. C. Johnson, of White Oak, in nomination for sheriff and he was seconded by several. Some doubt was expressed that Mr. Johnson would accept, but Mr. C. M. Bernard, in a short talk that captured the convention, declared that this was a time to "draft candidates" and that the party was too great, the cause too sacred, to be sacrificed in the interest of any one man or set of men. Mr. L. F. Butler also spoke, paying high tribute to Mr. Johnson's character and standing among his neighbors. He declared that if nominated Mr. Johnson would be the next sheriff of Wake County, which expression was heartily greeted by the convention. On motion Mr. Johnson was named by acclamation and there were loud calls for Mr. Johnson, who arose and bowed his acknowledgements.

Mr. Everett T. Banks, of Swift Creek, was named by Mr. J. J. Pleasants, for treasurer and he also was named by acclamation.

For register of deeds Col. Harris named Mr. W. J. Andrews but Mr. Chas. D. Wildes arose and read a letter from Mr. Andrews, in which he gave his reasons for declining to be a candidate, but stating his willingness to aid the party to the full extent of his power. Mr. Pleasants then placed in nomination the name of Carl H. Hunnicutt, of St. Matthews, and it was seconded by several. Mr. Hunnicutt was then nominated.

Col. Harris moved that the nominations for County Surveyor and the Coroner be left to the County Executive Committee, with power to name the candidates, which motion was carried.

For the three County Commissioners, the names of C. H. Collins, of Holly Springs, John Porter of Raleigh, W. P. Powell, F. W. Mahler of Raleigh, J. W. Underhill of Little River, were placed in nomination. There being no opposition to Messrs. Mahler and Underhill, on motion of Mr. Bernard they were named by acclamation. The only opposition to the other being the question of locality, it being the desire to have each section of the county fully represented, the names of Messrs. Porter and Powell were withdrawn, and on motion, Mr. Collins was named as the third commissioner.

A resolution was then passed, authorizing the executive committee to fill any vacancy on the ticket which might occur by death or withdrawal.

Mr. C. M. Bernard then offered the following resolutions, which were adopted after an amendment by Col. Harris was made, calling closer attention to the injustice of compelling

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BILKINS AT HOME

Has Been Quite Unwell But Manages to Give a Few Facts.

BILKINSVILLE DESCRIBED

Politics and Air Ships Furnish Excitement—The Major Will Continue to Ride in His Buggy—Gasoline Must Be Reckoned With—A Few Political Jabs The Trusts Are Getting Hit—Bilkins Makes a Speech—Modern Heroes—The Major is Afflicted With Boils.

(Correspondence of the Caucasian Enterprise.)

Bilkinsville, N. C., Sept. 20.—Havin' bin quite unwell for some time I hev failed to write fer your paper. Am glad ter say that I am feelin' some better.

Bilkinsville iz movin' erlong at erbout the same old pace. Owin' to the high cost ov livin' an' other reasons the population ov our town iz not increasin' very fast. But I kin say that we hev a substantial town, an' hit will be put down on the next new map that iz gotten out fer the United States.

Bilkinsville hev a population now ov about 29 people and iz located rite on the banks ov Terrible Creek. Some years ago the chills giv us erbout awl the exercise we cared for. But the temperance wave an' other things hev made chills unpopular an' az ter snakes, they air not at awl plentiful like they uster be.

Polyticks an' airships an' ortermobiles give us plenty to talk erbout an' air really awl the excitement we hev nowadays. Betsy hev bin hintin' erround like she wants me ter buy one ov them airships. But Bob an' the old buggy air erbout az risky things az I nead fer travellin' in my old age. We hev not noticed any airships passin' over this burg yet. But we hev visitors passin' through in ortermobiles and an' then. They always attract lots ov attention, an' people who own ortermobiles generally look like they think they own the earth. By the way, did you ever look over the ortermobile advertisements that air so common an' numerous now in certain magazines and catalogs. They air enuff ter make you dizzy. Such claims! Why, if you read an' believe awl they say erbout them machines you will certainly be astonished. An' I guess much ov hit iz true. Some ov them kin go az fast as the fastest railroad trains over real gude roads, an' keep hit up fer hours at a time.

They wuz a time when hit looked like steam would hev ter give way to electricity. An' hit may yet. But watch out fer gasoline in the final wind up. Gasoline iz goin' ter give awl ov the powers used to propel things a neck an' neck race, an' in a few cases, at least, hit iz goin' ter be the whole thing. But horses an' mules will still hev a foot in the pie. You can't down 'em. My old mule, Bob, iz gettin' younger every day, an' meaner. I believe Bob knows az much now az the average politician, an' he takes lots ov stock in polyticks an' the other weaknesses an' infirmities ov the human race.

Well, we air havin' a hot time in Wake County so far az polyticks air concerned. Did you ever see the like ov hit? I am interested, ov course. But I am not takin' a very active part. I feel like me an' William Jennings Bryah air sorter down an' out. Mr. Bryah may not feel that way erbout hit, but the signs awl pint that way. I wish hit wuz different. I love the dear old Democracy an' I know that William Jennings loves h' too. But what air we ter do erbout hit? Every now an' then some Northern State goes Democratic just to cheer us up, I reckon. But hit don't last long. Maine hev turned over from some cause an' that gives us a chance to hold up our heads an' give a few proud struts. But that wuz on account ov local matters, I guess, an' happen in this off year. By the next Presidential electshun Maine will go Republican by many thousands, an' we will be left sady gazin' at the hole Democracy went out at.

I notice by the papers that a number ov large pork packers hev bin arrested ov West an' that they may be tried fer jinin' in a pork trust. Good! The trusts will have ter be careful fer the government iz after them. We seldom see any pork or bacon in Bilk'nsvills az we do not keep many hogs, but we air goin' ter watch an' see what the government does to the pork packers, if convicted. Hit iz high time that awl ov this trust business be broken up, if hit kin be, an', ov course, hit kin.

Hit hev bin reported in Bilk'nsvills lately that Mr. William J. Bryah

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CHATHAM COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Five County Ticket Named—County Debt Has Increased Under Democratic Government.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Pittsboro, N. C., Sept. 20.—The following is the Republican ticket nominated for Chatham County: House of Representatives—Thos. R. Green. Sheriff—Jos. J. Jenkins. Register of Deeds—H. Grady Dorsett. Clerk Superior Court—F. M. Holleman. Surveyor—Carson Johnson. Coroner—H. T. Chapin. County Commissioners—A. W. Norwood, Jas. E. Bryas, Abram Lane.

The county debt, since the Board of County Commissioners has been Democratic, has increased by leaps and bounds.

The Democrats in this county do not know "where they are at." They see ghosts in every direction.

Our county is now paying interest on \$50,000 worth of bonds, all of which were issued by a Democratic Board of County Commissioners, and for what? Let them answer.

For general inefficiency and extravagance we can recommend the management of affairs in Chatham County by the Democrats during the past few years as being entitled to take the cake.

The last issue of our county bonds for \$39,000, were sold secretly. No notice or publication was given, so that those wanting to bid for them had no knowledge whatever of their sale or the time they were sold. Parties in Durham, N. C., and Atlanta, Ga., wanted a chance to bid for those bonds, but never got a chance at them as they were sold privately and secretly to an Oklahoma man acting for a New York bond house. How did the Oklahoma man know about these bonds?

DOCTOR ARRESTED WITH BABY SHOW.

Three Died in Incubator at State Fair in Louisville, Ky.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 17.—As a result of the death of three babies on exhibition in an incubator at the State Fair here, Dr. Douglas Snyder, of Pittsburg, Pa., was arrested to-night at Jeffersonville, Ind.

Twelve warrants were sworn out late to-day by County Attorney Bullitt, of Louisville, on the charge of a statutory offense, and the arrest was made by Chief-of-Police Wall, of Jeffersonville. Dr. Snyder made a statement during the day that the babies died because he was unable to give them the proper attention while making the trip from Chicago to Louisville. The babies, it is understood, came from the charity hospital in Pittsburg, Pa., and not from St. Paul, as previously reported. The deputy coroner found as a result of his investigation that the babies died of inanition.

Mrs. Douglass Snyder, wife of the physician, was arrested at the Fair grounds at Louisville to-night, charged with being an accessory.

To show at the Fair was ordered closed by the police last night. One of the infants, Robert, was eight weeks old and the other, Martha, was four weeks old.

Dr. E. J. Meyer, in charge of the medical department of the fair, says that the deaths were caused by lack of nourishment and improper feeding.

HIS VACATION ENDS.

President Winds Up His Stay at the Summer Capital—In Washington by Saturday.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 17.—President Taft's vacation practically ended to-day. At midnight to-morrow he leaves for Cincinnati by way of New Haven, where he will stay for the Yale corporation meeting Monday. He will speak in Cincinnati Tuesday, and it is expected that this speech will indicate his future policy in regard to river and harbor improvements. During the remainder of his stay in Cincinnati he will attend to private business.

He reaches Washington Saturday or Sunday and attends a Cabinet meeting. He leaves Washington October 1st for New York where he delivers an address before the National League of Republican Clubs.

Mexican Kills Three Cowboys.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 17.—A message from Silver City, N. M., states that Jose Montoya shot and killed three cowboys after the cowboys had killed his son. The shooting took place on the upper Gila river in New Mexico.