

THE SOUTH A FACTOR.

That Section to Play an Important Part in Both Conventions. Plan of the Anti-McKinley Men.

The South seems likely to be most interesting factor both at St. Louis and at Chicago. Her votes are being counted on to control both presidential nominations. But there will be a fight made on the program in both conventions.

At St. Louis the anti-McKinley men will endeavor to stampede the Ohio candidate's southern support. They think this possible, and will bend all their energies to accomplish it. Mr. Sherman when a candidate was twice seriously crippled in that way, and the opponents of Mr. McKinley think the maneuver can again be successfully executed. If they can secure a number of delegates in that way, and add them to their number in New England, New York, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, a protracted fight in the convention, which is their hope of defeating Mr. McKinley, may be inaugurated.

But in that event the McKinley men will demand an examination of the poll, to show what their favorite's electoral vote strength is as compared with that of the opposition. They will insist that his support comes in the main from States giving Republican majorities at the polls, and hence with every right to be heard in the convention as to the candidate. They will take the ground that a nomination made by the casting votes of States reliable Democratic and almost certain to reject the ticket at the polls would not only be a bad policy, but a perilous policy. Put up the man, they will insist, on whom the good Republican strongholds look with the most pronounced favor, and for whose nomination they are recording themselves in the convention.

At Chicago the boat will be on the other leg. The South will appear there as the section having the best right to speak. She will point to her record, and to the fact that Democratic success without her would not be possible in any circumstances. In the circumstances which will then exist she will claim to be the only section where Democracy may be said to be surely alive. The ticket and the platform therefore must be made acceptable to her. She will not urge any candidate from her own borders. The man may come from elsewhere; but he must be such an one, and placed upon such a platform, as will insure him the hearty support of the section to which he will have to look for so large a portion of any support he may get.

The Southern men consider this an altogether fair proposition founded upon an unanswerable argument. Why, they ask, should a ticket and a platform be made to suit the wishes of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Boston, or the Chamber of Commerce of New York, when both Massachusetts and New York—the former certainly—will cut no figure in the Democratic column next November? On the other hand, why should not the candidate and the platform be made to meet the wishes of those States which for years "have borne the heat and burden of the day," and which hold out at present the only hope to an almost demoralized organization?

But, fair as the Southern men think it is, their proposition will be resisted. The sound money Democrats of the east know what it means, and they are preparing to defeat it if they can. They will endeavor both to write the platform and to name the candidate, and in order to do so they will put without hesitation the whole Republican East against the whole Democratic South and take the consequence at the polls. They feel assured that the South will not bolt, and, so believing, they will press their program as far as they may find themselves with the power to press it.—Washington Star.

The Big Fisheries at Edenton.

"The fisheries at Edenton," said Mr. Herbert Jackson, who has just returned from the eastern part of the State, "are a revelation to us who live inland. The steam seines are huge affairs, the one at this fishery being three miles long, the rope included. The seine is carried out into the sound, a mile and a half from shore, by two steamers. The great net is then drawn to shore by steam power, and the fish are landed in smaller nets. Sometimes as many as ninety thousand herring have been caught in a single haul at this fishery. Shad and herring are the principal catch. Mr. H. G. Woods is the owner of this large fishery, and about fifty persons are employed in the enterprise.

"The people who live in the interior have no idea of the immense fishing interests of the State."—New Berne Journal.

Cabarrus County in Trouble.

"Plans are on foot for a big lawsuit," said a citizen to a Standard reporter. "Lock Parish will enter suit and sue the board of county commissioners for the sum of \$525, which was refunded the Odell, Cannon and G. W. Patterson manufacturing companies, the money being what that body considered as unjust tax, but what the last Legislature imposed on corporations.

"Parish says he has all the backing he wants; that the 'citizens' of the county have selected him as prosecutor and that they will give him ample bond to carry on the proceedings. It is said that he has secured the services of Campbell Caldwell, of Statesville, Senator Pritchard and Morrison Caldwell, who will plead the case."

And it is also said that this case would have been left quiet had not Esquire Pitts been persecuted by the commissioners, who requested the gentleman to move his office from the room he occupied in the county's court house, who had leave of occupancy for several months, ample time in which he could have located himself in a permanent room.—Concord Standard.

Carnegie's Boyhood.

In The Youth's Companion for April 23d Andrew Carnegie tells how he served his apprenticeship as a business man, in an article which will prove stimulating to every boy and stirring to every friend of boys. Mr. Carnegie started in life as so many other successful men have done, without a penny; and has amassed a great fortune, which has been wisely and generously drawn upon for scores of public purposes, designed to benefit his fellowmen. In this article he has told the story of his early struggles and successes in a delightful manner, which will make his paper an inspiration to every boy who reads it.

The Companion for April 30th will contain an article on Arbor Day by Hon. J. Sterling Morton, Secretary of Agriculture, who first conceived the idea of setting apart one day in the spring as a time of general tree-planting. Each issue of The Companion contains one or more articles of exceptional value written by the ablest and best known men and women of the age.

Will Quit Making Cloth.

BOSTON, April 14.—The stockholders of the Lawrence Manufacturing Company today voted to discontinue the manufacture of cloth at the mills in Lowell, to reduce the capital of the corporation one-half, from \$1,500,000, to \$750,000, and to sell all real estate, buildings, &c. in Lowell which will not be necessary for the manufacture of underwear, hosiery, and hosiery yarns. This action will throw out of employment many of the mill hands. The action was taken on the ground that the cloth goods mills could not be run at a profit in competition with the Southern mills, with cheaper labor and longer hours.

Will Have Plenty of Campaign Money.

Millard Masten was heard to say a few days ago, says a Republican, that it was all important that his side should control the county convention, as that insured the election of Holton as chairman, that the latter would have plenty of campaign money and would give all the Reynolds faction some. One of Millard's hearers asked if it would be sure enough money, or counterfeit? This raised Millard's "Dutch" and he called upon the fellow to say whether or not he meant to be personal in his remarks.—Winston Sentinel.

A Big Log Raft.

Another big log raft is soon to be made up in the Columbia River is to be towed down the coast to San Francisco. It is to consist of piles amounting to about 700,000 feet of lumber, board measure. If the raft reaches San Francisco intact the piles can be sold there 20 to 40 per cent cheaper than if they were transported by schooners in the usual way. Those interested in the scheme say that experience with former rafts have enabled them to reduce the risk to a minimum, and they have no doubt that the big raft will reach San Francisco safely.

Mr. Weddington Gets \$5,000.

In the disposition of the estate of the late J. F. Van Pelt, of Statesville, Mrs. W. M. Weddington, the wife of the Cabarrus Register of Deeds, falls heir to \$5,000. He left to his housekeeper a large tract of land and an estate worth \$35,000 to be divided between seven families, and Mrs. Weddington will get one-seventh of that amount.—Concord Standard.

An Awkward Question.

The Washington Post asks the following conundrum: "How can the North Carolina Republicans fuse with the Populists and at the same time support a sound money man for the Presidency?" The Post is evidently not aware of, nor familiar with the swallowing capacity of the North Carolina Republicans, or it would not ask such a question as this.—Durham Sun.

TO RUN 100 MILES AN HOUR.

New Electric Locomotive for Railroad Passenger Service.

A monster electric locomotive has been built at Philadelphia, which it is said will be able to make an average of 100 miles an hour.

This locomotive is a standard type for passenger service, and has been designed for service, such as is now handled by heavy steam locomotives. In its construction the principles of locomotive building followed by these works have been embodied, which should render it a satisfactory machine, and not in any sense an experimental one.

Each one of the axles is equipped with a 200 horse-power motor, and the four will be able to exert 1,000 horse power for a considerable period of time. The entire weight of the locomotive will be about 150,000 pounds. The under frame is of steel, with heavy oak bumpers. The floor is covered with a half-inch steel plate over its entire surface, which is used to increase the stiffness and stability of the structure. The wheels are forty-two inches in diameter. The motors are known as the single-reduction type, and are steel clad. In this type of locomotive the gearing regulates the speed. The length of the locomotive is thirty-eight feet and the width nine feet over all.

The operating machinery is all placed upon the trucks, and the interior of the cab contains nothing but the controlling apparatus, so that a large amount of space is available for such purposes as carrying freight or baggage.

As to the cost, a very material reduction will be made in this design over that of the Baltimore tunnel locomotives, which cost \$50,000 each. The machine will cost less than \$20,000, and it is designed to perform about the same work. A second locomotive is nearly completed, which is to be applied as a motor car upon the Manhattan elevated railway of New York.

Singles.

A: "Is that really true?" B: "My dear fellow, I always tell the truth; but this is an absolute fact!"—London Tid Bits.

"Mamma, why do they call it the weather bureau?" "Because the top drawer is generally in such a frightful mess, I suppose."—Chicago Record.

Miss Goodly: "What's the matter, my poor man? You look ill." Tramp: "Madam, something I haven't eaten has disagreed with me."—London Truth.

Happy Thought.—Poet to editor: "I send you a poem, 'Why Do I Live?' Please answer." Editor: "Because you send your poem by mail."—Texas Siftings.

Fudley: "Why is more poetry written in spring than at any other time of the year?" Scudley: "I suppose it is because nearly every body feels sort of good for nothing then."—Washington Times.

First Floor Manager: "Dat's an awful razor you have dah, Mis ah Johnsin. Looks like it could carve right through a man." Second Floor Manager: "Yes, sah. Dat's a Rontgin rays or, sah."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Circe," said the lecturer, "as you no doubt remember, turned men into bogs." "I wonder if she did it by starting a street car line?" mused the woman who had hung to a strap all the way to the hall.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"We have decided to shoot you," said the Spanish official in Cuba to the prisoner who had just been brought in. "But my nationality—" "Oh, that's easily arranged. If we find that we have made a mistake we will apologize to your Government later."—Chicago Post.

Better Turn Him Loose.

The Spanish tyrants have made a great mistake in arresting Rev. A. J. Diaz, the Cuban evangelist. He is a naturalized American citizen and a Baptist through and through, and enjoys the respect and confidence of that denomination to the fullest extent. He is a native Creole and is one of a family of 24 children, all born to one mother. His arrest has excited much interest among the Baptists of Wilmington. He is working in Cuba as supervisor of the Baptist Missions in Havana under the direction of Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention whose office is in Atlanta.—Wilmington Star.

To Meet in Wilmington.

The Baptists of Wilmington, N. C., have extended a cordial invitation to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in the First Baptist church in that city in May, 1896, and have offered to entertain free of charge the delegates to the convention during their stay there. For some years the question of free entertainment has been something of a problem since the convention has grown so large, and it is almost certain that the invitation of the Wilmington Baptists will be accepted when the convention meets in Chattanooga next month.

Mark Twain on Prohibition.

Mark Twain has just concluded a lecturing tour in New Zealand. He said good by to the New Zealanders at Christ church, and in the course of his speech made reference to prohibition, which he said he approved, but which would put them into most difficult straits. He then told the following story:

"In our country several years ago there was a man who came into a prohibited town, and, unlike you savages here, they said to him: 'You can't get a drink anywhere except at the apothecary's.' So he went to the apothecary, who said, 'You can't get a drink here without a prescription from the physician,' but the man said, 'I am perishing. I haven't time to get a prescription.' The apothecary replied, 'Well, I haven't power to give you a drink, except for a snake bite.' The man said, 'Where's the snake?' So the apothecary gave him the snake's address, and he went off. Soon after, however, he came back and said, 'For goodness sake, give me a drink. That snake is engaged for six months ahead.'—Westminster Gazette.

A Map of the Hermitage Plantation.

We have been shown by Capt. L. D. Cherry, the well known civil engineer, an interesting map of Mr. Hill Burgwin's "Hermitage Plantation," which lies in New Hanover county, on each side of St. George's Creek, and on both sides of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, between the sixth and ninth mile posts, along from the city. The tract contains 118 acres of land, and the date of each patent, going as far back as October 22, 1728, and extending up to 1896, are noted on the map. The names of each purchaser, with the number of acres and the boundary thereon, are given, and all the creeks and branches, bays and swamps are marked in their course. There is also a special plot of valuable phosphate deposit, which is embraced in twenty five acres lying along the north side of the track of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad. The foundation of the ancient mansion on the sound side of the creek is shown, and the old mill dam and the location of every house, cottage, school house, and church on the plantation is given.—Wilmington Messenger.

The X Ray on Lyeurgus.

The Hon. Demosthenes Lyeurgus Russell has heard from Raleigh and he is in a state of mental torture. He has been retained in many important suits during his practice at the bar; but never before has his brain been taxed with so complicated a problem as the one that now confronts him. Here are two propositions that occupy his mind from "early morn to dewy eve" and even during the "silent watches of the night." First, what will the Democrats do at Chicago? Second, can any sort of Rep-Poplican fusion be patched up in North Carolina? "On these two bang all the law and the prophets." Now, ask the Hon. Demosthenes Lyeurgus Russell if he will not enter a plea of nolo contendere in this case, and acknowledge that the Star's X rays have exposed his innermost thoughts.—Wilmington Star.

Bicycle Superstitions.

Folks open to the influence of signs, omens, etc., should read the following list of bicycle superstitions:

1. The wheelman who allows a hearse to pass him will die before the year is out.
2. To be chased by a yellow dog with one blue eye and one black eye indicates a bad fall.
3. To see a small boy with a slingshot beside the road is a prophecy of a puncture.
4. If you pass a white horse driven by a red-haired lady, your rim will split unless you say 'cajandrum' and hold up two fingers.
5. The rider who expectorates tobacco juice on the track will lose a spoke.
6. If you take your machine to the repair shop it is a sign that you will not buy that new suit of clothes.
7. Kicking the man who asks the make of your wheel is a sign of honors and riches within a year.
8. Lending the wheel is the sign of the double donkey.
9. To attempt to hold up a 275-pound woman learning to ride is the sign of a soft spot.

Lawyers as Our Rulers.

The President and cabinet are all lawyers except Mr. Lamont and Mr. Morton who are editors. The vocations followed by Senators are indicated as follows: Lawyers, 64; business men, 13; farmers, 3; doctors, 1; clergymen, 1; editors, 2; no data given, 6. The occupations followed by Representatives are as follows: Lawyers, 248; business men, 71; farmers, 19; editors, 9; doctors, 6; preachers, 4; printers, 3. Five give no data as to vocation. More than three-quarters of the Senate and more than two-thirds of the House are lawyers.



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