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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1908.
ALL AGREED ON CHARLOTTE.
Charlotte's large delegation is now in Raleigh working for the state democratic convention, time and place for holding which will be decided this evening.

In its opinion no other city in the state is so well equipped with facilities for entertaining so large a body as is Charlotte, and since this is the first time a petition has ever been offered for this meeting, it would be nothing short of a serious mistake to decide on any other place.

As we noted yesterday, the press of the state is almost unanimously in favor of Charlotte. Greensboro is perhaps the only contestant standing any chance in the selection, and even Greensboro recognizes the superior claims of Charlotte, as may be seen from the following, taken from the Greensboro Record, of yesterday:

"In all seriousness we hope Charlotte will not come out like that candidate in Cabarrus county many years ago who ran for the legislature without opposition and then at the last moment was defeated. Charlotte is working might and main for the democratic state convention, if any other town is splitting its shirt for the meeting we have failed to note it.

Indicative of the general confidence in Charlotte's chances at securing the song, story and dance, with present convention, is the following from the Salisbury Post:

"Charlotte deserves and will get the democratic state convention this year, a matter to be decided by the committee at its meeting in Raleigh Wednesday.

"Politics is politics" asserts the Spartanburg Herald. If you have as many varieties, in South Carolina, as may be found in some places, contemporary, you should surely have written it, "Politics are politics."

Eastern Carolina is not to be left out of the baseball fraternity this year. The Eastern Carolina League has just been perfected.

"And what is so rare as a day in spring?" inquires the New Bern Sun. Two, perhaps.

Here's hoping our delegates will bring back the convention.
The peek-a-boo shirtwaist girl makes her best bow.

Party Needs No Saving.
"I see," said an enthusiastic and working Democrat on the street the other day, "that Mr. Morton of Wilmington, Mr. Murphy of Salisbury, and a few others have tried to have a meeting of Democrats in Salisbury for the purpose of getting up a fight against prohibition, and that Cy Watson was expected to be present, but like a good many others expected, failed to show up. Mr. Watson, however, sending a letter in which he said he was in full sympathy with the movement. The funny part of the business is that these men claim to be working to save the Democratic party when everybody knows that they are working to save old Boozie if possible. The Democratic party needs no saving in that direction. It had better die than to be saved on a whiskey barrel as a life preserver."—Monroe Enquirer.

AN ISSUE.
This drink bill represents almost everything of disappointment, danger, and disaster that we know. The wisest statesmen admit it, educators and political economists say so. Statistics overwhelm us with the facts that church of God staggers and trembles with a sense of it, thousands of hearts are breaking because of it. An issue? The saloon is an enemy of the home, a social tyrant, the corrupter of politics, the incarnation of greed, misrule, anarchy. No grand and self-governing people, no prosperous homes, no peaceful social order, no joyous republic, no serene communities can be built upon and amid its perpetual ruins.

One hundred and ninety thousand saloons—each good for from five to twenty votes—stand solidly at each election for the maintenance and perpetuation of this hellish system. Prayers, because unaccompanied with works, have failed to lessen or reclaim the evil to any great extent. License has not materially restricted, and "gospel temperance" has not conquered it. It is in politics. It lives because of somebody's politics. It will be in yours and mine unless we vote it out of existence.

This we cannot do so long as the prayers, sympathies, moral efforts for its overthrow, running through three hundred and sixty-four days, twenty-three hours and fifty-nine seconds, are dissolved by a license vote at the pivotal last second.

Yes, and it ought to be. Revolution is better than a corruption, better than crime, better than the death of the republic.
The blowing up of two or three rows of buildings at the time of the Chicago fire would have saved the city.

First to Wear Out With Age

Gives a Home Prescription Which is Valued by Elderly People to Relieve Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

The great majority of men and women at the age of 50 years begin to feel the first signs of advancing age in some form of kidney trouble and bladder weakness. Few are entirely free from that torturous disease, rheumatism, which is not a disease in itself, but a symptom of deranged function of the kidneys which have become clogged and sluggish, failing in their duty of sitting and straining the poisonous waste matter, uric acid, etc., from the blood, permitting it to remain and decompose, settling about the joints and muscles, causing intense pain and suffering.

The bladder, however, causes the old folks the most annoyance, especially at night and early morning. A noted authority in a recent article stated that he has wonderful success with the old-time "vegetable treatment." He states: "Of sixteen cases of bladder troubles and rheumatism which have been treated with this treatment only one very complicated case failed to fully yield to its remarkable influence. It is the most harmless treatment I have ever found to clean the system of rheumatic poisons; remove irritation of the bladder; and relieve urinary difficulties of the old people. It is a true vitalizing tonic to the entire kidney and urinary structure, reinvigorating the entire system."

Thinking On One's Ways

Rev. Dr. McDaniel Elaborates Tellingly on One of David's Testimonies - The Speaker's Fine Gifts And Power.

The crisp, clear weather enabled a splendid audience to be in attendance at the First Baptist church last night to hear Dr. McDaniel. The body of the church was well filled, and a remarkably large proportion of the audience was composed of men. It is too generally customary to consider religion a matter for the women to look after, and to allow our churches to present almost unbroken pews full of ladies, with only a man here and there. But this gifted and eloquent visitor from Richmond is touching the hearts of the Charlotte men in a most peculiar sense. Most of those who are professing faith at these meetings are men, and more and more are in the audience each evening.

On the most noticeable features of these meetings is their lack of that excitement which sometimes prevails to a harmful degree in revival services. That the people are being profoundly moved no one who gazes into their earnest eyes, or listens to the glorious congregational singing, could for a moment doubt. But this emotion is not superficial; it is of the inmost heart; and its signs are not to be discovered in excited language or actions, but in the absorbed attention of the congregation during the preaching of the word, and in the gratifying numbers of those who are seeking Christ to the salvation of their souls.

The preacher is a man who carries conviction of his great earnestness and spiritual power in his every sentence. No hearer can misunderstand the whole-hearted sincerity and consecrated purpose with which he delivers his message. His themes are well-chosen and forcefully impressed; he drives home his argument with logical directness, not depending in the least on the beauty of his diction. Were his subject any other in the realm of human affairs, this latter quality would attract attention a much greater degree. As the mouth-piece of his Master, he does not use his eloquence to give his audience the intellectual treat, which he is so well qualified to furnish, but aims every sentence full at his goal which is the convicting and converting of sinners.

Nevertheless, when Dr. McDaniel becomes fully absorbed in the exposition of some vital point, his language takes on a beauty, and his thought develops a wealth of imagery, which only a master speaker can attain. This is particularly true of his illustrations. They are not too numerous, as is the temptation in the case of such a fluent raconteur, but they are ready at his command and invariably of perfect aptness. He does not waste ammunition shelling the woods, but points his guns full on the enemy's line. Every now and again, we will recount some personal experience which has impressed itself on his memory, and whether it be bright and sunny, or sad and pathetic, the picture is most vividly presented to the minds of his hearers.

The meeting has already attained most gratifying results, and before it continued on page 9.

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CONJECTURE VS. REALITY.

A Few Home-Truths About the General American Attitude Toward War.
Do we absolutely ignore the lurid fact of war? Have we no glimmer of an idea of our part in an international crisis? Of course not. We have a lick-and-a-promise war time plan. There is a vague general idea that in the event of war:

- 1. The ranks of the regulars will fill from fifty per cent peace strength to 100 per cent war quota.
2. Volunteers will spring up like blades of grass.
3. Somehow, from somewhere, arms and equipment for them will be forthcoming.
4. The new recruits will be trained by experienced soldiers and there will be plenty of teachers.

1. Will the regular ranks fill so? No, the plan fails there. With the alternative of the romantic volunteers, no man will enlist in the austere regulars. The enlistments are so falling off at this moment that regular companies all over the states are slowly descending to bed-rock. And if the ranks were so recruited, the happy fact would invalidate them for weeks. The addition of twenty recruits to a company demoralizes it in peace time—in war an influx of more than its original number in raw material would place it with the non-effectives.

2. Will volunteers spring up like blades of grass? Yes, luxuriantly; because with no one to take care of them, they would better not, for they will also die like grass, and further because:
3. Arms and equipment will not be forthcoming. Equipment for even one-fifth enough infantry does not exist. Rifles, hardtack, guns, shrapnel, saddles, uniforms, tents, clothing haversacks, belts, bayonets, sabers, all the jumbled circumstance of war will have to be manufactured, after the outbreak of hostilities. We have some 150 field-guns; Japan has ten times as many, and guns are wonderfully made. Their manufacture requires trained men, special material and machinery, and weeks of painstaking care.

4. If the volunteers were mustered, would there be instructors to make soldiers of them? Absolutely no. The regular army is so denuded of company officers by present peacetime demands from the army itself, that there are not one and a half officers to an organization; there should be three. The increased demands of war will reduce this number to less than one to the company.
—Lieut. Hugh Johnson, U. S. A., in the March Everybody's.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- March 11.
1544—Torquato Tasso, the Italian poet, born at Sorrento. Died in Rome, April 25, 1595.
1619—Two sisters burnt at Lincoln, England, for the alleged crime of witchcraft.
1702—The Daily Courant, the first British daily newspaper, issued in London.
1785—John McLean, associate justice of the United States; supreme court, who dissented from the majority opinion in the Dred Scott decision, born in New Jersey. Died in Cincinnati, April 4th, 1861.
1856—Nicaragua declared war against Costa Rica.
1865—Parliament at Quebec adopted the confederation scheme.
1874—Charles Sumner, Massachusetts statesman, died. Born January 6th, 1811.

THIS IS MY 62ND BIRTHDAY.

Lucius Tuttle.
Lucius Tuttle, president of the Boston and Maine railroad for the past 15 years, was born in Hartford, Conn., March 11th, 1846, and received his education in the public schools of that city. In 1865 he began his railroad career, in which he was destined in time to become one of the recognized masters of modern railroading. He served in various subordinate positions until 1889, when he became commissioner of the Trunk Line Association. A year later found him the general manager of the New York, New Haven and Hartford road, in which position he served for two years, when he was elected vice-president of the road. In 1893 he became president of the Boston and Maine, then a much smaller system than it is today. Under President Tuttle's direction the system was expanded until now it controls the entire section of the country east and north of Boston. Since 1896 Mr. Tuttle has been president also of the Maine Central railroad, which is closely allied with the Boston and Maine interests.

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