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**WILMINGTON AS A SEAPORT.**

Few of us realize the importance of Wilmington as a seaport town. Did you know that Wilmington ranks as the fifth cotton exporting town of the entire country, being only behind Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah and Norfolk?

From the Messenger of recent date we take the following facts, relative to Wilmington's remarkable growth in cotton exporting during the past year:

"Frequent reference had been made as to the remarkable showing of Wilmington in the amount of cotton receipts for the present year, the record from September 1st to date having exceeded by more than 75,000 bales the highest record ever made before for an entire year. The best record ever made for a whole year, until now, was 375,000 bales for the year ending September 1st, 1906, but there have already arrived at this port since last September 1st the tremendous number of 456,000 bales. When compared with last year's record the increase in cotton business is seen to be even more remarkable, one total receipts for the whole of last year having been only 322,000 bales, which is more than 130,000 bales behind the record of the present season to date."

When it is remembered that receipts at most of the other large ports have fallen off, rather than been increased during the past year, the rapid and substantial growth of Wilmington's shipping business may be appreciated the more fully. The above record eclipses that of any other seaport town in the entire country in the matter of comparative increase in business.

This fact is further elaborated by the Messenger as follows:

"When viewed in comparison with the record of other ports for this year the additional very gratifying fact is shown that Wilmington's increase has exceeded that of any other port in the country, nearly all the other ports having shown a decline in receipts as compared with last year's record."

"Savannah, the whole of last year, had a record of 1,458,000 bales, while its receipts this year to date amount only to 1,345,000, more than 120,000 bales behind its last season's record. Norfolk last season received 604,000 bales, while its receipts to date are more than 135,000 bales behind that number, being only 468,000. Charleston shows a gain of less than 40,000 bales, its receipts last year having amounted to 149,000 bales while the present season's record is 186,000."

"Wilmington is far ahead of that record, its present season showing receipts of more than 130,000 bales in advance of that of last year. The point, however, that is decided by in favor of Wilmington is that both Charleston and Norfolk buy cotton in the same territory as Wilmington and the achievement of local cotton men is seen to be almost marvelous when the fact is taken into consideration."

It is well nigh impossible to over-estimate the value of a large seaport to neighboring territory. The growth of Wilmington's shipping business means the growth of North Carolina.

In this connection it is good to observe the general interest that has been shown in the project for digging a 30-foot channel from Wilmington to the sea, thereby making the port at Wilmington capable of accommodating the largest vessels that ply the sea. The consummation of this giant project will mean a new era in the commercial life of the state. With water competition in freight hauling, rates that have heretofore been abnormally high because of our inferior port facilities, can be forced down. The growth recorded at Wilmington is a fine illustration of the growth throughout the state, and the future of that city is closely allied with the future of the state.

**CHARLOTTE SELECTED.**

Although not exactly a surprise, the news of the selection of Charlotte as the next meeting place of the state democratic convention is a general source of gratification in this city today.

A preponderance of sentiment among the committeemen attending and those represented by proxy, at last night's meeting was favoring the Queen City,

and when a vote was taken Charlotte won by almost a double vote. The News congratulates those who have taken such an active part in securing the convention, on their success and felicitates the city on its victory. The coming of this large gathering of delegates to this city—the first time to 50 years—means much, and it is safe to say no stone will be left unturned in making the meeting here a success. It seems to be the general opinion that attendance at the convention this year will be unusually large, and The News offers ample assurance that a hearty welcome awaits every mother's son of them.

With several thousand pretty school teachers planning to visit us; with several thousand democrats arranging to steer this way; with hundreds of hungry editors coming to sup with us, and with numerous other delegates to numerous other conventions tacking Charlotteward—there is indeed something to live for.

The claim of the Queen City to convention-city honors is established beyond controversy.

**AN "ODE TO MOLLY."**

The poets will not down. The latest is an "Ode to Molly," by a poetess whose first claim to genius is undisputed. The devilish snap of her verse, is simply irresistible. Listen:  
 "O, Molly's meek; Molly's sweet;  
 Molly's modest, and discreet,  
 Molly's rare, Molly's fair—  
 Molly's in every way complete."  
 Perish the wretch who suggested that Molly was not "in every way complete!" Leastwise, at last Molly's true merits are established, and we thank the defender of sweet, discreet, rare and fair Molly.

We know what's the matter with the Raleigh Evening Times; it's jealous of our standing with those two husband-hunters. That's the trouble.

Charlotte expects to keep open house all through the season.

**Granville Stands by Kitchin.**

To the Editor of The News:

I hand you the following clipping from the News and Observer, which is evidence of how Mr. Kitchin stands in his own district:

"We are only a small portion of 10,000 in this district who heard our Congressman, W. W. Kitchin, sincerely, eloquently and successfully defend the Watts act at many places in vigorous campaign with Governor Reynolds, four years ago. The charge brought against him of insincerity, reminds us of the charge of cowardice brought against Admiral Schley, after he won the battle of Santiago."

"Let the people in all parts of the Fifth district speak out to the people of the state, and let it be known that no democrat, and no temperance man in the Fifth district has ever accused him of opposing the Watts act. Let our congressman be vindicated before the state, against this charge, before any other charge is taken up."  
 "W. A. MFARLAND, Merchant."  
 "J. P. POWELL, Register of Deeds."  
 "THOS. D. WALKER, Former Chairman Board of County Com."  
 "C. F. CREWS, Clerk Superior Court."  
 "E. K. HOWARD, Sheriff."  
 "T. N. BURWELL, Merchant."  
 "S. W. PARKER, Merchant."  
 "H. T. COOPER, Banker."  
 "Oxford, N. C., March 7."  
 S. F. CONRAD.

**BOTTLE'S LONG VOYAGE**

Drifted 20,000 Miles. From the North Pacific to North Atlantic.

When Frank L. Burnett, was on board the United States steamship Marblehead four years ago and while at Callao, Peru, he threw overboard a bottle with a piece of paper bearing his name, address and the date, August 19, 1904. Mr. Burnett recently received the following letter:

"Island of Flores, Azores, Oct. 24, 1907."  
 "Frank Burnett, Kansas City, Mo.—Dear Sir: The paper that you threw overboard from the U. S. S. Marblehead off Callao, Peru, was washed ashore at the Island of Corvo, Azores, on the twenty-fifth day of September, 1907, and it had the date of August 19, 1904."  
 "JAMES MARKAY."  
 Mr. Burnett, says the Kansas City Star, received a letter a few days ago from the Hydrographic Office of the Navy Department telling him that the finder of the bottle and the paper had sent them to that office.

The Hydrographic Office informed Mr. Burnett that it is the most remarkable drift of a bottle—20,000 miles, from the north Pacific to the north Atlantic Ocean—that has been recorded.

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**Politics And Politicians**

An effort is said to be making in North Dakota to sidetrack the proposed Bryan resolutions. The state convention is to be held this month in Grand Forks.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, Governor Hughes of New York, and Secretary Taft are announced to speak in New York next week at the annual dinner of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

The Socialist party in Kansas is arranging to hold a three days' convention in Topeka, beginning April 2nd. It is planned to name a complete ticket for the state officers to be filed at the next election.

Speaker Edward D. Shurtleff, of the Illinois house of representatives has withdrawn from the race for the governorship. The withdrawal is believed to strengthen the chances of former Governor Yates to receive the nomination.

It is said efforts are being made to consolidate the populists and the independence league into a new national political organization. The independence league has been invited to participate in the national convention of the populists to be held in St. Louis early next month.

General Powell Clayton, H. L. Remmel, Capt. F. W. Tucker and John E. Bush are slated for delegates-at-large from Arkansas to the republican national convention. With the exception of General Clayton, all are holding federal positions in Little Rock. The state convention is to meet early in April.

The republican state committee of Mississippi has fixed April 26th as the time for holding a state convention to name delegates for the national convention. The white element of the party will be in control of the convention and it is expected that Taft will be endorsed.

Carter H. Harrison, former mayor of Chicago, has assumed personal charge of the Bryan presidential campaign in Illinois. He is at the head of the Bryan league which is arranging for a mass meeting in Chicago next week to mark the formal opening of the campaign. Mr. Bryan has accepted an invitation to address the meeting.

Among the delegates to the democratic national convention from Oklahoma will be T. M. Buffington, of Vinita, the former chief of the Cherokee. Chief democratic politics in Indian Territory for many years and was one of the ardent supporters of the constitution during the campaign last summer.

John P. McGoorty has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for governor of Illinois. Mr. McGoorty has been a prominent figure in Chicago politics and in the Illinois legislature for many years. He is the first avowed aspirant for the honor of heading the democratic ticket in Illinois next fall.

Arrangements are practically complete for the people's party national convention, which is to assemble in St. Louis, April 2nd. The Olympic theater, one of the largest in the city, has been secured for the sessions. The Missouri state convention of populists will be held in St. Louis on the day prior to the national convention.

A dearth of candidates for members of the state legislature is reported in Texas. The voters have declined to raise the pay of the legislators, and with the free passes cut off the job does not promise very much financially, especially to those members living at a great distance from the capital and who may have to make frequent trips home to look after their business interests.

**The Extravagance of a Society Woman in Boston.**

Upton Sinclair, describing the fantastic extravagances of the super-rich in the American Magazine, says there are women who boast of never appearing twice in the same gown, and that there's a dreadful personage in Boston who wears each costume once, and then has it solemnly cremated by her butler.

"I suppose you feel that you can depend upon that man. He seems to have a great liking for you." "My boy," answered Senator Sorgham, "in politics your really valuable friends are not the people who like you personally so much as those who fear you professionally."—Washington Star.

Rollingstone Nomoss—"I'm looking for trouble." Tatterton Torn—"I'm lookin' for work." Rollingstone Nomoss—"Well, it's de same ting."

New Servant—"Please, mum, th' water is cold." Mistress—"What water Jane?" New Servant—"Th' hot water, mum."—Rehobeth Sunday Herald.

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**THIS DATE IN HISTORY.**  
 March 12.

1507—Cesare Borgia, celebrated Italian statesman and soldier, killed at the siege of the citadel of Viana. Born about 1475.

1689—James II landed in Ireland.

1795—William Lyon Mackenzie, first mayor of Toronto and an ardent advocate of Canadian independence, born in Dundee, Scotland. Died in Toronto, August 28th, 1861.

1825—Pasturing cows on Boston Common forbidden.

1835—Dr. Simon Newcomb, celebrated astronomer, born in Nova Scotia.

1858—Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of the New York Times, born in Cincinnati.

1877—William M. Everts appointed secretary of state.

1886—Anti-Chinese convention held in California.

1903—Czar issued a decree granting religious freedom in Russia.

1907—An explosion on the French battleship Jena killed 17 persons.

**THIS IS MY 73RD BIRTHDAY.**  
 Simon Newcomb.

Dr. Simon Newcomb, the astronomer, and perhaps the best known of all living mathematicians, was born March 12th, 1835, at Wallace, Nova Scotia. He was first educated in the school of his father, Professor John Newcomb, and came to the United States in 1853. For two years he taught in schools in Maryland and then became a computer on the Nautical Almanac at Cambridge, Mass. In 1861 he became a professor in the United States navy and remained in the service until retired for age in 1897. Dr. Newcomb was secretary of the Transit of Venus Commission from 1871 to 1874; observed the transit of Venus at the Cape of Good Hope in 1884, and directed several eclipse expeditions. For 10 years he was professor of mathematics and astronomy at Johns Hopkins University, and editor of the American Journal of Mathematics. He is one of the few foreign members of the Institute of France, and the first native American since Franklin to receive that honor. Dr. Newcomb has published many astronomical memoirs, and tables of the motions of the stars and planets now used by astronomers in their computations.

Be sure you are right and then go ahead.—Davy Crockett.



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