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THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO ATTEND A BIG BANQUET IN HONOR OF HON. W. J. BRYAN

Democrats From Kansas, Missouri And Other States to Attend Dollar Dinner Given by Young Men's Democratic Club.

Near Two Thousand Persons Will Occupy Seats in Banquet Hall And Thousands Will Flock to Galleries.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., March 30.—Hundreds of Democrats from Missouri, Kansas and other nearby states are here to attend the dollar dinner to be given tonight by the Young Men's Democratic Club.

Another Account. Kansas City, Mo., March 30.—Wm. J. Bryan arrived in Kansas City to be the guest of honor tonight at what is expected to be the biggest political banquet ever held in this country.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, March 30.—Hon. W. J. Bryan arrived this morning from the west and after breakfast departed for Kansas City.

Fire in Big Pier Causes \$150,000 Damage

By Associated Press. New York, March 30.—Fire on the big pier, in East river, and an adjoining pier, resulted in the injury of several firemen and caused a loss of \$150,000 and for a time seriously threatened the steamer Edgemont and scuttling of the new Manhattan bridge.

Rate Hearing At Winston

Important Hearing Now on Before Special Examiner Brown of Rate Discrimination Case—The Proceedings.

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., March 30.—In the hearing here today before Special Examiner Henry N. Brown, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, witnesses were introduced by the board of trade and city, showing discrimination by the Norfolk & Western Railway in freight rates on coal from the Pocahontas fields to this city.

Boat out of Commission.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 30.—An accident to the torpedo boat Blakely, which has been engaged in torpedo target practice at St. Joseph's Bay Fla., has compelled it to return to the Pensacola Navy Yard, where it will be necessary to dock the vessel and make repairs. No details of the accident are given in the report to the Navy Department except that the vessel had been struck by a torpedo.

Aldrich Bill Up.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 30.—The Aldrich financial bill reached the house today and was referred to the committee on banking and currency.

Southern Let Contract For Roundhouse

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., March 30.—The Southern Railway has let the contract for the enlargement and otherwise improvement of the Spencer roundhouse, to cost \$10,000.

Virginia May Be Ruled Out

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., March 30.—It is given out here that the executive committee of the Bark Tobacco Growers Association will meet at Guthrie, Ky., next Wednesday and take such action as will eliminate Virginia from the Association.

Spencer to Have a Newspaper Soon

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., March 30.—Spencer is to have a newspaper, a company of representative citizens having formed a stock company for that purpose. It will be known as the Spencer Crescent and will be a semi-weekly. Mr. D. Stott Allen, of Washington City, who has been with the industrial department of the Southern Railway, will be the editor.

Farmers Refused to Play With Negroes on Team

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 30.—The presence of two negro players on the Colgate University, New York team, threatened to break up the game scheduled between this team and the A. & M. College here this afternoon.

A Big Appropriation.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 30.—The house committee on foreign affairs today voted to report favorably the diplomat and consular appropriation bill, carrying a total appropriation of \$3,520,000 to cover expenses of the consular service of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909. The amount recommended by the committee is \$478,000 less than the amount asked for the state department.

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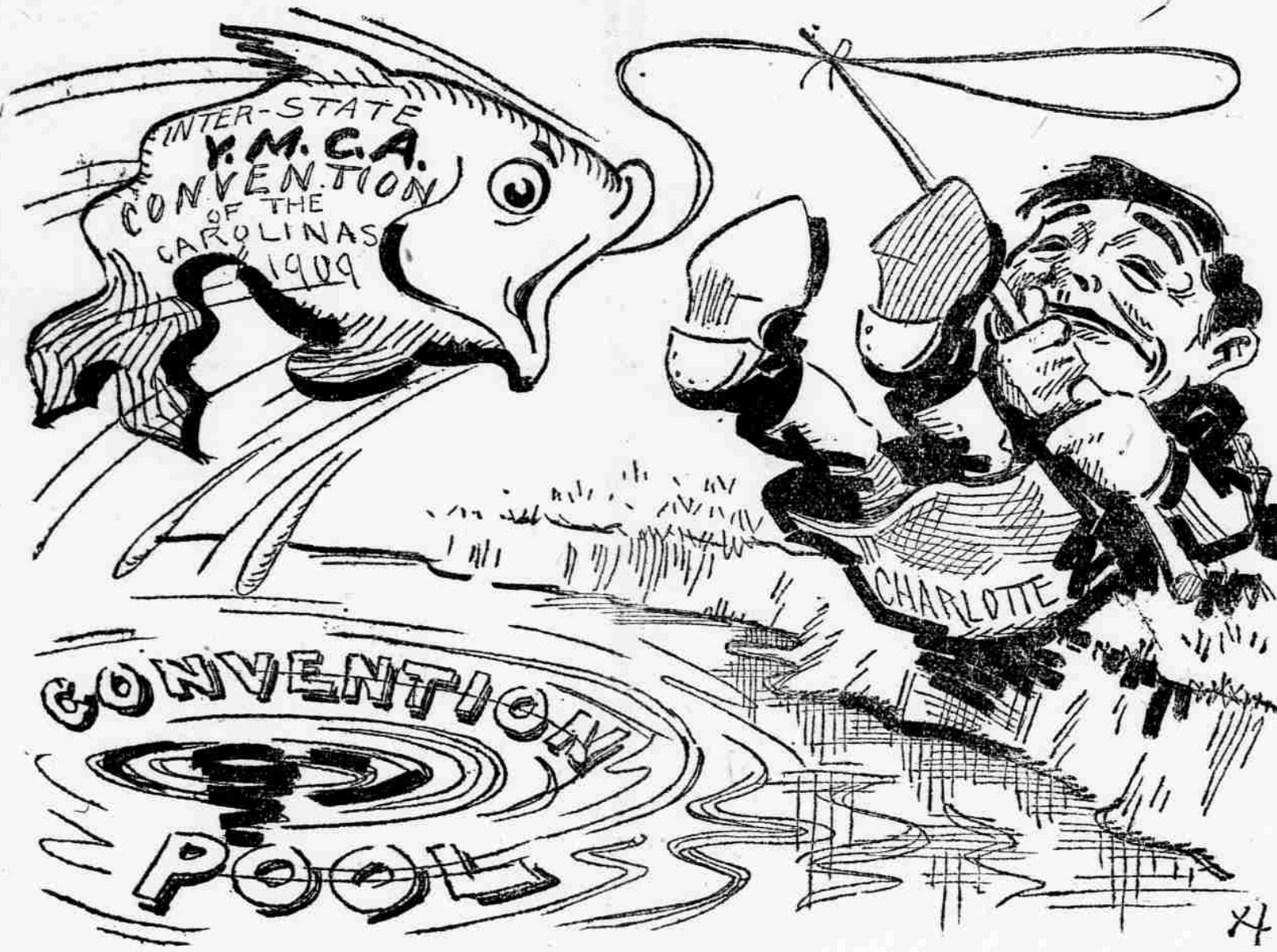
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Two Were Badly Burned By Lamp Explosion

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 30.—Mrs. M. D. Smith, and her 17-year-old daughter, Miss Mollie, members of a prominent family, were horribly burned at their home last night by the explosion of a hanging lamp in the parlor.

Full Story of Crime.

Auburn, N. Y., March 30.—The crime for which Chester E. Gillette forfeited his life in the electric chair in Auburn prison today, was the murder of his sweetheart, Grace Brown, near Big Moose in the Adirondacks on July 11, 1906.



Chester Gillette Pays Price For His Black Crime With His Life

Young Man Who Ruined And Murdered His Sweetheart, Walks Coolly to Electric Chair And Pays Fearful Price.

Gives Warning to Men of The World—Says He Has Accepted Christian Faith—Full Story Of Crime.

By Associated Press. Auburn, N. Y., March 30.—Chester Gillette was electrocuted in Auburn prison this morning at 6:18. It was the most successful electrocution ever had in Auburn prison.

Interest in New York Primaries

New York, March 30.—New York politicians, particularly the republican leaders, are keenly interested in the presidential primaries to be held throughout the state tomorrow.

Wage Reduction In Effect

By Associated Press. Boston, Mass., March 30.—A general reduction of 10 per cent in the wages of the New England cotton mills operatives, recently decided upon, become effective today in the mills, employing 60,000 persons.

Only Five of Fifty-Eight Miners Who Perished in Explosion Recovered

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, March 30.—Vice President Lewis, of the United Mine Workers of America, who succeeds John Mitchell as president, and who arrived here to attend the meeting of the National executive board said: "On April 1, 42,000 miners in all Ohio will drop their tools and go out on strike. This may last 60 days and perhaps longer. At any rate they will not go back to work until the wage schedule has been drawn up."

Farewell To Old Church

An Impressive And Affecting Service in The First Baptist Congregation—The Laymen Conduct The Meeting.

The services at the First Baptist church last evening were memorial in nature, commemorative of the beginning of a great undertaking in the history of the church, the replacing of the present old building by a magnificent modern structure, which will surpass any structure of its kind in the state if not in the south.

Death of Mrs. Shirer

Rest Comes to Devoted and Suffering Christian Woman.

Mrs. Ella Mary Shirer, wife of Mr. J. B. Shirer, died this morning at 2 o'clock at her late residence No. 215 West Ninth street.

REAL ESTATE SALES.

Charlotte Realty Changing Hands at Good Prices. The Southern Real Estate Loan and Trust Company on Saturday, through Mrs. C. P. Brown, sold for Mrs. J. E. Wilson to Mr. E. M. Hipp a tract of land in Paw Creek, consisting of 69 acres. The consideration was \$3,312.

Negro Murderer Captured in Knoxville

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., March 30.—Lon Hargrave, who stabbed Thad Gamble to death on Council street Saturday night a week ago, was captured in Knoxville, Tenn., Saturday by the Chief of Police of Greenville, S. C., who was in Knoxville for another prisoner and knowing Hargrave caused his arrest. He will be brought to Salisbury by the South Carolina officer.