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THURSDAY MAY 2, 1907.

Just a Common Kick.

With no desire to reflect upon the mayor, board or aldermen, or any official connected with the town government, but in the full exercise of an inherent right of every American citizen, we kick. Our kicking is more for the purpose of giving vent to the mule proclivities pent up in every citizen of the ordinary village, than for the purpose of correcting any evil which may exist in our town. Our kicking is against the papers and waste matter which is cast upon our streets and in many cases left to remain. Let us beautify our streets and thereby render our town more healthful and attractive to visitors. Just a little more painstaking on the part of our business men and a little more careful oversight on the part of our police force might change appearance of things a great deal. And while we are seeking to beautify our streets let us not fail to give some attention to the unsightly sign boards which grace the electric poles on North Park Place. Our streets are more beautiful than they used to be; our officials are more careful in these matters than they used to be, but let us not be weary in well doing for our streets lack a great deal being as clean and attractive as they ought to be. And now we have kicked and now we feel better. It is a great thing to kick and the kicker like the poor is even with us.

Virginia's most prominent Democratic Congressman in an interview, on the suggestion of John Temple Graves, in a recent speech, that William J. Bryan should propose the name of Theodore Roosevelt for a third term for president in the next Democratic National Convention said the idea was "ridiculous and absurd". "It is the sheerest nonsense. It is the most absurd thing in politics I have heard, except possibly the story of the five million dollar conspiracy to defeat President Roosevelt and his policies. "It is impossible that any Democrat in a National Democratic Convention should nominate President Roosevelt. His record is anything but Democratic.

His policies, however well meant, are not Democratic, and I cannot see how any one calling and feeling himself a Democrat can admire, respect, commend what we understand is the Roosevelt way of conducting the government.

"If I were talking to an audience of Southern Democrats I think I would remind them of some things in Roosevelt's record which some Democrats down our way seem to have forgotten. I would recall to them that the negro school teacher, Booker Washington, as recognized by Pres. Roosevelt, has superior claims to consideration as an adviser than have United States Senators who happen not to agree with the President in affairs, as notable in the case of Alabama and Ohio. I would recall the Crum appointment, the Indianola post office suspension, and I would remind Southern people that he has spoken in public of Southern soldiers as no better than anarchists, as he did in a speech at Arlington cemetery, May 31, 1902, with the

graves of Confederate soldiers in sight of him. Of all Democrats to suggest the election of Roosevelt one from the South ought to be the last.

Speaking further of Mr. Roosevelt's policies, Mr. Hay remarked "Take the ship subsidy, which Roosevelt supports. There is not a single Democratic idea in that business. If there is a Democratic idea left in the country it is opposed to the ship subsidy and all other subsidies.

"How does Mr. Roosevelt appeal to Democrats as a tariff reformer? If he ever was inclined in that direction it was when he wrote books as a youth, at the same time that he anathematized Tomas Jefferson and others of our greatest Democratic statesmen. Through the six years of the Roosevelt administration he has been as unyielding a stand-patter on the tariff as Speaker Cannon, Payne, Dalzell, or any of the rest of them.

"President Roosevelt has very ostensibly made war on the trusts. I would like to know wherein, from his method of attacking trusts and monopolies, the people of the country have been substantially benefited. What is the article of trust production the price of which has been reduced to the consumer by trust-busting of the Roosevelt kind? We as Democrats, have fought trusts and monopolies as the creatures of the high protective tariff. Roosevelt and his party have enacted laws that sustained and maintained these trusts and monopolies.

The Republican party has fried fat for campaign purposes out of these trusts and monopolies, and at the last election, notwithstanding Mr. Roosevelt's denial that the money was used for improper purposes, his National Campaign Committee solicited and received and used money obtained from the trusts and other corporations. Is there a Democrat who believes that these great business institutions, composed of "practical men" would have contributed to Mr. Roosevelt's election merely out of personal infatuation? Mr. Roosevelt himself is to "practical a man to think of such a thing".

Many prominent Democrats of Mr. Hay's stamp are taking the ground that the Democratic party should turn to tariff reform as the issue in 1908. It is pointed out by them that the party has gained all of the glory to be had out of railroad regulation and that in order to unite all elements of the party revision of the tariff should be made Democracy's battle cry in the next Presidential campaign.

Summer School of Vocal Classes

Mrs. Chadwick will begin a Summer school of sight reading and singing Monday, May 6th, 9 a. m., at her residence. A large number of pupils have been enrolled, and they will be classified in different divisions. Mrs. Chadwick will be assisted in the primary class by Miss Ada Schenck. Miss Richardson will be the accompanist. A definite course has been laid out, using the same method as the New York public schools employ.

In addition to singing the principles of music will be taught and at each lesson some one fact in the history and literature of music will be given so that an intelligent interest may be stimulated in regard to the composers and their work.

Don't forget there is to be an election here Monday 6th.

THE Act for the issue of bonds is faulty all the way through. It is apparently unconstitutional. It makes the interest coupons payable Aug. 1st and January 1st. How will the interest be computed? For 7 months and 5 months? It repeals laws that are part of the Constitution and some that apply to the whole state. Bah! Cut your bait and come in the right way. Adv

TWO LADIES SWEEP OVER SHOALS.

Tragic Death of Two Young Ladies on Catawba River Yesterday Afternoon Near Catawba Station.

Men in Boat Saved Themselves. Party Had been to Religious Service at Piney Grove. A Full Story.

Statesville, N. C., April 29. News of the tragic death of two young ladies of Shiloh township, this county, reached here this morning.

Yesterday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock a boat on the Catawba river, containing Misses Sallie Fulbright, Eliza Goble and a younger sister of Miss Fulbright and Messrs. Dan Moore and Boyce Johnson were swept over Lookout Shoals a few miles above Catawba station.

The drowned are: Miss Sallie Fulbright. Miss Goble.

The men managed to save themselves, and Messrs. Ed. Lipsard and Oscar Sigman, who were on the bank swam out and saved the younger Fulbright girl, who had managed to get hold of the boat.

All the occupants of the boat were returning from Piney Grove church, Carawba county, where they attended services.

It is reported that the men were drinking and lost control of the boat.

The bodies of the ladies had not been recovered early this morning.

BOONE NEWS.

Prof. W. M. Francom will soon move to Globe, and take charge of Globe Academy.

Vilas Cottrell, E. L. Shull, J. B. Kite, H. O. Helsbeck, and C. F. Helsbeck, students of the A. T. S. have gone to Jamestown to work on and to see the exposition.

Rev. J. F. Davis has moved from Blowing Rock to Boone.

The commencement exercises of the of the Appalachian Training School on Monday and Tuesday were largely attended. Hon. W. C. Newland's address was highly complimented. The other exercises were of a high order. The summer term of this school will begin June 4th and continue two months. B. G.

HICKORY does not need to go into debt for an electric light plant, it has one; but it has no good streets or sidewalks. They are what it wants, but this bond issue will not get them. The Act does not say whether ten cents shall be spent for streets or for an electric plant. By not being specified it would be diverting the money were it spent on either one or both equally. It also makes poll 90 cents additional and a special tax annually, additional of 30 cents on the hundred dollars. Adv



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THE Act authorizing the bond issue is for fifty thousand dollars instead of only for twenty-five thousand dollars. It does not say how much for streets and sidewalks and no part of it can be lawfully diverted without violating the law.

It is difficult now in Ohio to tell whether it is Senator Foraker's boom or burn. Col. John Temple Graves is still busy picking a matched team for the Presidential race. The Interstate Commerce Commission's ruling on "party rates" is liable to breed another railroad brainstorm.