

Friday, June 9, 1916

Play ball!

Hey there, Jupe!

Three weeks to Chautauqua.

And the primary cut 'em down!

We guess the Germans thought it was the Grand Fleet all right.

How cruel the choice between Roosevelt or Wilson must be for the Republicans.

If you haven't bought that season ticket to the baseball games -- why loosen up!

When all is said and done it seems to us that the primary is liked or distrusted in the measure that one has confidence or distrust in government of the people by the people.

The torpedo, if torpedo it was, which sank the Hampshire and compassed the death of Lord Kitchener, dealt England perhaps a greater blow than the taking of Verdun.

Too early in the game to make any prophecies in this baseball business, but our advice to the wary is to watch those Roanoke Rapids Lions when they begin ramping around.

What we want to know is how that Daughtridge manager ever figured out a 24,000 majority from a 28,000 minority. Such an one could figure John D. broke and have Henry Ford walking to the office.

You are cordially invited to prance out to the ball grounds this afternoon and see the opening game of the league in which those Roanoke Rapids players will proceed to lift the hide of the Emporia aggregation, N. B. Decided to crow now, while the crowing was good.

Practically the only difference in the way the two precincts viewed the candidates for State offices, was the licking Rosemary administered to J. R. Young, the vote being 59 to 30 in favor of McClenaghan against a vote of 107 to 12 in favor of Young at Roanoke Rapids. The vote at Rosemary was the result of the enthusiastic efforts of a few workers around the polls, who opposed Young on account of his action in forcing fraternal orders writing insurance to comply with the laws of North Carolina.

Those reports of North Carolina correspondents at the Chicago Convention in regard to the negroes swarming in the hotel lobbies, hugging and being hugged by the Republican bosses, is excellent Democratic campaign literature.

In the words of Parker Anderson, correspondent for the Greensboro Daily News: "At the headquarters in Congress and Auditorium hotels here the sixty or more negro delegates from the south hang around so thick that one imagines he is not in a respectable hotel but some place where does not belong."

Hence -- the Solid South.

Mr. Bickett

It has been said that Mr.

Bickett was nominated for governor the moment he sat down after finishing his historic Charlotte speech. That was calculating a long while in advance, for it was realized that all things being equal, Mr. Craig was to have another try at the nomination of his party. Lot things might, and in the very nature of the case would happen; but if Mr. Bickett would be good and patient, there wasn't any reason why, some of these days he mightn't expect to set up his lares and penates in the mansion at Raleigh.

The speech placing Ashley Horne before the convention and demanding the gubernatorial nomination for this sturdy old Confederate was Mr. Bickett's introduction to his State, that had not hitherto suspected his existence. He awoke that morning a local lawyer and went to bed a State figure with a reputation for eloquence.

It was mostly along of nature having been generous in the particulars of vocal equipment. His speaking voice has been declared not unlike that of Bryan, although of course Bickett talks the North Carolina language, whereas Bryan speaks westernese and rolls his r's in a way that is terrifying to a person not brought up to such treatment of the harsh consonant. Mellow, musical, flowing, Bickett's tones are in themselves a delight, irrespective of any actual words or ideas he may employ. However, he possesses a fine discrimination in the choice of words; and the impression stamped upon the picked men of the State's Democracy, assembled there, was that they had found a big man. They acted at once on this hunch by picking him up for the office of Attorney-General, asking him if he wouldn't please try and make out with that for a while, which he did. Hundreds of commencement and similar addresses have tended to confirm and spread this impression. Our folks just naturally take to a good talker. -- Greensboro Daily News.

Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary Ministerial Union

The Transforming Influence of Prayer

The following is selected from a very stimulating little book called The Meaning of Prayer, by Harry Emerson Fosdick.

And Jehovah spake to Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. -- Exodus 33:11. And the scripture was fulfilled which said, And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness; and he was called the friend of God. -- James 2:23.

The most transforming influences in life are personal friendship. Every one who meets us influences us, but friendship opens the heart to the ideas, ideals, and spiritual quality of another life, until we are susceptible to everything that the friend is and sensitive to everything that he thinks. Desdemona describes the natural effect of close friendship:

"My heart's subdued even to the very quality of my Lord".

Consider then what persistent fellowship with God will mean in changing life's quality and tone. Henry Drummond said, "Ten minutes spent in Christ's society every day, aye, two minutes, if it be face to face and heart to heart, will make the whole life different." In how many people is the fine quality which all feel and none can describe, the result of this inner fellowship! Some things cannot be bought or earned or achieved; they must be caught, they are transmitted by contact as fragrance is. Perhaps the greatest consequence of prayer is just this atmosphere which the life carries away with it, as Moses came with shining face from the communion of his heart with God. True prayer is habitually putting oneself under God's influence.

"We rejoice that in all time men have found a refuge in Thee, and that prayer is the voice of love, the voice of pleading, and the voice of Thanksgiving. Our souls overflow toward Thee like a cup when full; nor can we for-

Coats for the Early Season



A light coat for the demi-season is a necessity and it must be of a character to suit almost any occasion. Whenever a chill in the air demands it, morning, afternoon or evening, it is to grace its wearer by its conservative but undeniably good style. It is one of the difficult things that designers face each spring, and they wrestle with its problems with varying success. The spring coat depends upon its style to make it a ready seller or a failure in the eyes of the manufacturer. It must be in line with the mode as to shape, quiet as to color, and an advantage to the figure of the wearer. Hence there are many models.

An elegant demi-season coat of gabardine shown in the picture, is lined with striped taffeta. It is banded with silk in self color, about the bottom and at the cuffs. The small turnover collar is of velvet.

The body of the coat is semifitting with belt across the back. Its skirt at the sides and below the belt at the back hangs in godets. There is less fullness in it at the front and from the shoulders to a point several inches below the waist line it hangs straight. Like so many of the new coats it betrays ingenious cutting. There is a pointed yoke at the back that suggests

a little cape. The upper part of the body terminates in a long point at each side in the front. But these details in shaping are inconspicuous. Except for a few buttons and the silk banding the coat is untrimmed. The model is in a very dark blue.

Besides these trim semifitting models there are others with fuller lines and cut somewhat longer. One of the handsomest models made of covert and other cloths is cut to hang straight but very full. The waist line is defined by rows of shirring at each side and by a belt across the back and front. It has deep cuffs and a wide collar that may be turned up about the neck.

An extreme of the flaring mode has attracted much attention, although it is made of dark blue gabardine. It has a high cape collar and panels down the front of blue-and-white checked material. It flares from the shoulders down, but a belt which emerges from slashes at each side of the front pretends to hold its fullness somewhere near the waist of the wearer, at the front.

Julie Bittorley

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