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HER MAJESTY'S FORTUNE.

Queen Victoria Has \$110,275,000 of the Coins Recently Stowed Away—For All That She is Stingy in Everything Except Indulgence in Superstition.

Victoria has found queenhood a very profitable business. Figures for fifty-seven years of her reign show that the British people have given her under the name of civil list expenditures \$110,275,000. In addition to this vast total, \$58,676,765 has been expended for the maintenance of seventeen royal residences, stables and the like. The total direct expenditure of the queen alone is \$154,951,765, or over \$1,800,000 a year. There is at this date an annual expenditure in addition for other members of the royal family of \$1,300,000.

The thrifty old lady who has this vast income at her disposal has taken care to "make hay while the sun shines." Of course, the money has been voted to enable her to keep up the ornamental state considered necessary to a royal position. But it is not this she does not do.

A peculiar fact in illustration of her prodigality is seen in the non-probating of her husband's will. He is known to have left a large fortune. The English treasury has never been increased by the legacy tax due from the estate of "Albert the Good," who should have been named Albert the Procrastinator. It has been commonly considered in Great Britain as a matter of good policy for the monarch not to be the owner of private estates.

Victoria, besides valuable continental property, is the owner of three estates in the United Kingdom. They are Balmoral, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland; Osborne House, Isle of Wight; and the Charlemont, Surrey. They embrace 5,561 acres, with a rental value a year of \$27,805. At twenty years' purchase that would be \$556,100. In fact, they are worth double that amount.

Queen Victoria, they say, has her little superstitions. She believes that articles by blind persons bring good luck, that spilling salt brings bad luck, and she probably would not give six pence for her kingdom if by any untoward chance thirteen persons happened to sit at the royal dinner table. She has her pet dislikes, too, and among these is a hearty detestation for nick names; another is an antipathy as to the smell of furs, particularly of seal-skins.

She wears three rings which she has never removed—her wedding ring, a little enamel ring with a small diamond centre, which the Prince Consort gave her when she was only fifteen years old, and her engagement ring, which is in the form of a serpent of emeralds. She wears also a bracelet from which is suspended I dare not say how many little lockets. "How many grand and great grandchildren has she?" Well, the number is the number of lockets, and the lockets keep increasing.

A collection of photographs which is probably the largest in Europe, and undoubtedly the most interesting, is possessed by the queen and distributed among her various homes. Her majesty has often loaned paintings from her several castles for public exhibition. If her photographic collection could be exhibited it would attract widespread attention, and would be one of the most interesting features of a London season. The collection dates back from the very birth of photography, and, it promises portraits, landscapes, views of historic landmarks, and of those of the principal events of the Victoria era. It is a collection that will in the future be of immense utility, as it is now of great value.—New York Dispatch.

John Lee, aged 17, who lived with his widowed mother and sister at Whiteville, Columbus county, was assassinated in his own home Thursday night of last week. He had just gotten up from the supper table when he was shot through the window and killed instantly. There is no clue to the murderer and no known motive for the crime.

There is now, under an order of Governor Carr, a retired list for officers of the State Guard who have served 10 years. Capt. James H. Sneed of Co. D, 31st regiment, Durham, has been placed on this list.

TYPHOID FEVER.

The Ravages of this Terrible Disease—It is Preventable by Simple Precautions. Bulletin of the State Board of Health.

The fact that nearly twice as many counties reported typhoid fever this month as did last suggests the advisability of calling attention again to the importance on the part of both physicians and householders of carefully looking after the means of preventing its spread. When it is remembered that 50,000 people die annually in the United States from this disease, of which North Carolina's quota would be about 1,000 to say nothing of constitutions shattered, of the suffering, anxiety, expense and loss of time, the gravity of the subject is apparent and no excuse for repeatedly directing the attention of both the profession and the people to their duty in relation thereto is necessary. Enteric fever is by long odds the most fatal of all the preventable diseases which occur within our borders. And it is undoubtedly preventable, in large measure certainly, and, too, by very simple and inexpensive methods. That the drinking water is the medium of transmission in an immense majority of the cases, and that the water is contaminated by the undischarged bowel discharges of another case is practically demonstrated. So that the preventive measures necessary may be summed up in an immediate change to a water supply clearly beyond the risk of contamination, or boiling the home supply, and in promptly and thoroughly disinfecting the bowel discharges and the soiled linen. Simple and cheap methods of doing this are clearly set forth in the "Instructions for Quarantine and Disinfection," as well as in the pamphlet entitled "The Importance of Disinfecting the Bowel Discharges in Typhoid Fever," both of which have been widely distributed by the board. But they have necessarily reached only a very small proportion of the people, and then in most instances when, there being no typhoid or other infectious disease present in the family or immediate neighborhood of the reader, they would probably make comparatively little impression. If, however, the enemy is in sight, or, still more, if he has already attacked one of our own dear ones, we would read with much more care and appreciation, and earnestly put into energetic action, the instructions given for conquering the dread invader. With this idea in mind we have mailed to those superintendents reporting a number of cases of typhoid a package of the pamphlet on that subject and we earnestly hope that they will see to their prompt distribution among the families having the disease and those near by and liable to become infected. We also beg every one of our readers who knows of a case of typhoid fever in his neighborhood to send us the address of the head of the family that we may mail him direct pertinent sanitary literature, or inform us how many copies he will personally distribute. We are extremely anxious to strike while the iron is hot, that we may make as deep an impression as possible; but we can't strike the iron if we do not know where it is. Won't you do this, and not improbably by writing a few lines on a postal card save one or more lives?

The Terrible Heat Brings Death to Man and Beast.

Chicago's mortality statistics were broken yesterday. Never in the history of the city were so many deaths recorded in one day. The total number of deaths reported was 164, and the deaths from heat prostration 37.

Horses are falling dead on the streets with such rapidity that they cannot be hauled away before they become a menace to the public health, and beginning last night the police were under orders to use large quantities of disinfectants on such animals as fall dead in the streets, and thus keep down the stench and prevent rapid decomposition. It is estimated that 1,000 dead animals are lying in the streets of the city.—[Chicago Dispatch 11th.

Two blind men, itinerants, got drunk in Asheville Monday night and had a fight, for which they were banished from the town. One was led by a dog, the other by a boy.

GUTHRIE NOMINATED.

THE POPULIST STATE CONVENTION PUTS OUT A STRAIGHT TICKET

DOCKERY FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Skinner Makes an Open Fight on Butler, But Butler Has Things His Own Way.

The Populist State convention met in Raleigh Thursday at noon. Mayor Caldwell, of Statesville, was made temporary chairman, and a recess was taken until afternoon.

Col. Harry Skinner was made permanent chairman. Major Guthrie was nominated for Governor very peaceably, but there was a rupture when Oliver H. Dockery was nominated for Lieutenant Governor by Senator Butler. A recess was taken after which Dockery was nominated.

The sensation of the day was the open fight made on Senator Butler by Col. Harry Skinner and Dr. Cyrus Thompson.

Cy Thompson was nominated for Governor in opposition to Major Guthrie. Only one ballot was taken. The vote stood, Guthrie, 797 7-15; Thompson, 321 8-15.

Maj. Guthrie was introduced by Chairman Skinner as not only the choice of the convention, but the next governor.

Major Guthrie opened by saying how deeply he was moved at the honor conferred; he wanted to say that if the vote had gone to Dr. Thompson he would have been the first to move to make it unanimous. The battle is on. We have got an enemy to fight. We must be united here and now. It must be told from the mountains to the sea that we stand in solid phalanx. You adopted in a platform the unqualified condemnation of the lease of the North Carolina Railroad for 99 years. Men had charged him with being connected with the railroads; he had no secrets, and he had never had a dishonest penny to enter his pockets. The facts were that he had been for nine years the local attorney for the old Richmond and Danville, and now for the Southern Railway for Durham county and for that alone. When that lease was made he knew nothing about it, until he saw it in the newspapers. He had been referred to as a corporation attorney; but he would serve a corporation only as he would an individual. If he were elected Governor, he pledged himself to serve the State and nobody else. (Cheers.) He endorsed every word and every line of the plank about the North Carolina Railroad lease, and if there was found to be anything wrong about that lease, he would, as Governor, see that the will of the people was carried out. His life had been an open book.

"You have heard a great deal about fusion. Whatever the politicians may do, the people are coming together in this campaign and do the right thing." (Cheers.) Thus both Major Guthrie and Col. Skinner had expressed the getting together of Democrats and Populists. He closed invoking the hand of Him who watched the sparrow's fall, the God of battles, to help us put the flag where it belongs. He thanked the convention and "hope to prove myself worthy of your confidence." (Long and loud applause.)

The ticket so far as named last night—the convention adjourned until this morning—is as follows:

For Lieutenant Governor—Oliver H. Dockery, of Richmond.

For Treasurer—W. H. Worth, of Wake.

For Secretary of State—Cyrus Thompson, of Onslow.

For Auditor—Hal Ayer, of Wake.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction—Chas. H. Mebane, of Catawba.

Mayor Caldwell, of Statesville, was nominated for Attorney General. Here arose a heated discussion in which Butler participated and eulogized Zeb Waiser, and intimated that he desired him for Attorney General. Pending this discussion they adjourned until this morning.

The platform adopted endorses the St. Louis National platform; favors a free ballot and fair count; the present county government; all gold and

silver coin a legal tender; the six per cent interest law; such a revision of the school system as will increase efficiency of schools; the judiciary being lifted above partisan politics; reformatory for young criminals. It condemns the Democratic party; free passes to public officials; the North Carolina Railroad lease; and the removal of cases from State courts to Federal courts; and recommends a reduction of salaries of public servants.

REPUBLICAN-POPULIST FUSION.

Former's State Committee Endorses all but Guthrie.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 15.—The Republican State committee endorses all the Populist ticket save Guthrie, and Ayer, for Auditor. Headquarters will be opened here immediately. This step is taken to force the Populists to fuse.

The Republicans are jubilant. The resolutions endorsing McKinley were signed by all, including Jim Young, who had bolted for Bryan and Watson.

The committeemen say there will be three electoral tickets and three tickets for Governor unless Guthrie comes down.

The Democrats are surprised at the powerful combination thus effected. Jarvis says: "Put it down that we will win."

The Republican effort is to split the popular vote. The committee say Butler opposed fusion, but many of the Populist leaders favor it. Claude Dockery says he endorsed Russell, and that if his father, Oliver Dockery, accepted the nomination of lieutenant governor, it would be in good faith.

All the action taken by the committee today was directly under Pritchard's advice. He and Pearson are jubilant. Pritchard says: "McKinley will sweep the State."

W. A. Guthrie said Friday: "I am well pleased with our ticket. There is no manner of doubt of Dockery being a thorough silver man, and in due time he will fully declare his position. I expect the time honored custom of having a joint canvass will be kept up to a reasonable extent by arrangement of the committees. I am not challenging anybody, but I don't expect to run away or avoid a discussion."

L. C. Caldwell said: "Our people, the Populists, seem to be pleased with the ticket, so far as we have gone. I hardly know where we are at. Part of our ticket is unfilled. Unless there is co-operation Waiser will not be put on it. There is a sort of change of sentiment today, that is deeper than on yesterday, that it was disastrous to either Republicans or Populists to have three tickets. The Republicans here are promoting this view very strongly."

HARRISON OFFERS HIS SERVICES.

National Committee Will Arrange Dates and Places for Speaking.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 13.—Gen. Benjamin Harrison will be at the disposal of the Republican State Committee during this campaign. The committee will attend to arranging his dates for speeches. Practically so much information is conveyed in a letter written by the General to his old friend Daniel Ransdell. Mr. Ransdell said yesterday that the General had written him that his understanding was that the committee would want his services about the beginning of September, but Capt. Ransdell added that he personally had been informed that Mr. Harrison would be wanted during the latter part of this month.

"Does the General say in his letter that he will make speeches throughout the State?" Mr. Ransdell was asked.

"Oh, yes, he will take part in the campaign," was the reply.

This year there are only four bonded brandy distilleries in Surry county. Last year there were over 200. Scarcity of fruit is the cause.

Knoxville Sentinel: J. W. Perry has a five dollar bill issued by the State of North Carolina in the year 1776, and is about two by three inches. The printing, which is only on one side reads: "North Carolina Currency, No. 2399, Five Dollars. By authority of Congress. At Halifax, April 2, 1776." The signatures are faded, but appear to be those of S. Smith and William H. Wilson.

GEN. "JO" SHELBY FOR MCKINLEY.

The ex-Confederate Cannot Support the Chicago Ticket.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—A copy of an open letter from Gen. "Jo" Shelby, Marshal for the Western District of Missouri, and the personal friend of Senators Vest and Cockrell, to ex-Gov. Crittenden, now Consul General to Mexico in which the General criticises his friend for forsaking "sound money" for the cause of silver, and declaring that he (Shelby) must vote for McKinley and "sound money," has reached the Republican Committee, and will be given wide distribution.

The friendliest tone prevades the letter, but the General expresses his astonishment at the sudden flop of his old friend, and his "surprise that you have, with hasty hand, chained yourself to the triumphal chariot of the three Governors—Altgeld, Stone, and Tillman—a turbulent trinity of political stormy petrels, whose piping notes have always presaged storm and shipwreck to the Democratic Party."

Referring to the recent National Convention, Gen. Shelby says that the "Chicago Convention was not Democratic. It was a conglomeration of all parties, Anarchism and Populism being in the ascendancy. Democracy is rock-ribbed, and stands upon principle, and cannot be swept from its feet by mixed metaphors and graceful periods. Democrats are not a Roman rabble, to be swerved from duty by a Nebraska Marc Antony."

After discussing the platform at some length, Gen. Shelby says:

"I see the way clearly, and shall follow the old paths of Democracy, as laid out by the fathers of the Republic. Is there one line in the practical declarations of the Chicago platform that was ever there before? Of the practical living issues now presented, there is as marked an absence of true Democratic doctrine in the Chicago platform as there is of vital piety in one of Col. Ingersoll's addresses. You must go to Ocala and Omaha to find the progenitors of the vital issues presented at Chicago. Repudiation of public and private faith and social disorder will be the twin offspring of the unholy alliance between the Populists and the Democrats, whose banners were published at Chicago and whose marriage ties were consummated at St. Louis last month. The alien blood imported from Omaha will taint the Democracy and make the issue spurious."

Calling Gen. Crittenden's attention to the position he assumed at the outbreak of the war, when he (Shelby) and others besought him to join the Confederates, Shelby concludes his letter as follows:

"I will abandon friends, party, and kindred rather than yield even an implied consent to such a base assortment of political heresies. Here a good patient will not take a quack's medicine. If he does he dies; and if the party swallows the Chicago prescription its days are numbered, its death is certain. The Chicago platform is Populism, sugarcoated. Its candidate is a rising demagogue, a dangerous rhetorician, who for a momentary applause would light a torch and apply it to the very citadel of American liberty. There should be but two candidates, and we who believe in sustaining law, order, and sound currency should vote for McKinley. Those who favor free and unlimited coinage of silver, disorder, misrule, and ultimate repudiation should support Bryan and take their choice between Sewall and Watson."

The Sentinel says Mrs. Susan Walker, a widow of Winston, has been an invalid for over six years, suffering with spinal disease. Tuesday she astounded the members of her family by getting out of bed and walking without assistance. Mrs. Walker has great faith in prayer, and she tells her friends she has been unusually earnest in her supplications to God for the last few days. She believes her walking is simply an answer to her prayers.

Without a protective tariff law yielding adequate revenues to conduct the Government and furnishing an opportunity to every man to earn his living, neither sound money nor any other currency policy known to man can redeem this country from its industrial degradation.—The Press, N. Y., July 31.