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If the information given out be true the St. Louis Fair was a record breaker—it paid expenses.

It is a settled fact that if Mr. Carnegie dies a poor man, Mrs. Chadwick will not aid or abet in such result.

The Crumpackerism of Senator Platt resembles a frozen dinner hanging on a rusty nail outside the back kitchen door.

English nobility searching for American wives might properly be discussed under the caption: "Mathematics in Matrimony."

Well, we suppose Mr. Fairbanks will continue drawing his salary as United States senator until his name is transferred to the vice-presidential payroll.

The esteemed Washington Post is perturbed over the fact that every exhibit it saw at St. Louis, was tagged: "First Gold Medal." Well, why not, as it was such a howling financial success?

Elsewhere this morning we print the full report of the board of education adopted by the Methodist conference at Henderson last Monday.

In response to the announcement that the people of North Carolina have determined to put an end to the saloon and still power for evil in the state, the Spartanburg Herald asks: "What are the people of North Carolina going to do?" Eh? What has become of that great moral institution, the dispensary?

There was much preaching at the late Methodist conference at Henderson, including the Sunday sermon by Bishop Candler; but it is the almost unanimous opinion of those who were fortunate enough to hear it that the sermon by Dr. John C. Kilgo, Sunday night on "The Love of God" was the most powerful of them all.

The American Cotton Manufacturer, published at Charlotte, is one of the finest and most enterprising journals of its class printed in the United States. It is constantly alive and wide-awake to every phase of the cotton and cotton textile situation in the world, and is edited with discriminating judgment and marked ability.

Mrs. Chadwick's son is said to be the possessor of \$7,500,000 and a determination not to endorse checks for members of his family, says the Washington Post. It doesn't seem there was any use for such a determination as far as his mother was concerned, for she appears to have experienced no difficulty in getting plenty of others to endorse for her.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION

"Easily the best year in Baptist history." This is the song of triumph and thanksgiving which echoes from the great Baptist state convention in session at Elizabeth City. Progress all along the line, says the report, a net gain of 5,000 in church membership, an increase in contributions until these voluntary gifts for convention objects reached the stupendous sum of \$111,000 last year.

Particularly appropriate it is that this season of praise and rejoicing, laden with renewed consecration and redoubled zeal in the service of the Master, should ascend from this devout body while in session at Elizabeth City, near the old Shiloh church, where the Baptists made their puny beginning in North Carolina almost 200 years ago.

This a notable coincidence that the two numerically strongest denominations in the state should hold their annual gatherings this year in the presence of their most ancient respective landmarks. The North Carolina Methodist Conference enjoyed its love feast in Henderson, a few miles distant from the historic Green Hill house, where this conference was first organized a century and a quarter ago.

When North Carolina was but a feeble colony, her population sparsely scattered along the coast territory, Paul Palmer, a Welsh Baptist from Delaware, pushed his way southward through this wilderness preaching the word of God. This pioneer missionary, in 1725, organized the Shiloh Baptist church, in Camden county, hardly five miles from the present site of Elizabeth City, now the flourishing metropolis of north eastern Carolina.

The boast of the Baptists from time immemorial has been the largest possible freedom for the individual. Liberty has been their passion. The Waldensian Baptists cherished this spirit in the mountain fastnesses of France; the German Baptists perished at the stake for freedom of conscience; their brethren in England died the death of martyrs rather than surrender their convictions; John Bunyan's mind was illumined by the same spirit when he gave the world Pilgrim's Progress from his prison cell; John Milton caught this inspiration when he wielded his gifted pen in behalf of the principles of this lowly sect; Roger Williams in the new world interpreted the same spirit when he founded Rhode Island, the first asylum for those persecuted for conscience sake.

Freedom has been their watchword for centuries. In the backwoods of Virginia, an obscure little Baptist church, governed absolutely by a majority vote of the church membership, furnished Thomas Jefferson with his plan for a purely democratic government. At the dawn of the last century, when the battle was fiercest between federalism and democracy for supremacy in this country, the Baptists were found almost to a man on the side of the great commoner. When Jefferson was reviled as a demagogue by the aristocratic class in America and denounced as a "blasphemer of his Saviour" by the ultra-Puritans of New England, the North Carolina Baptists were welcoming him with joy as the apostle of a wider individual liberty.

Eleven years ago the Baptists held their previous convention in Elizabeth City. In 1892 the state was passing through a period of great financial depression and bitter political warfare. Wise men, viewing the public distress, advised caution; not a few recommended retrenchment in collections. But even in that dark hour a forward step was taken. It was decided to build the Baptist University for Women, making it an independent school instead of converting Wake Forest College into a coeducational institution. The wisdom of the course adopted no one now doubts. A magnificent college for women stands

in this city, overflowing with students, working out a noble mission; a monument to brave hearts and steady hands; a lasting memorial to consecrated men and women who dared to hope and trust and work. What a difference do the collections now and ten years ago:

Table with 2 columns: Year (1894, 1904) and Amount. Rows include State missions, Foreign missions, Home missions, Orphanage buildings, Aid fund, Ministerial relief, Education, Baptist Women University, Wake Forest, Ministerial education, Yates College, Miscellaneous.

And this report does not tell of the rebuilding of the seminary at Oxford by Prof. F. P. Hobgood, of the enlarged work of the Chowan Institute by Prof. John C. Scarborough at Murfreesboro, of the handsome alumni building at Wake Forest for which Prof. J. B. Carlyle is raising funds, and of the noble work of the chain of mountain schools being constantly extended.

Next year this great body will meet with the Baptist Tabernacle of this city and Rev. Jasper C. Massees will be the pastor-host. The convention is to be congratulated on coming to this aggressive, zealous church and the people of the capital city will all join in giving the delegates and visitors a warm welcome.

WHERE THE SOUTH IS WRONG

The Washington Post sees and enjoys a certain degree of humor in the situation in regard to an attempt to reduce southern representation, but is afraid the attitude of Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, Mr. Carmack, of Tennessee, and others may result in spoiling the pretty rumpus—the "amusing enterprise" as the Post facetiously terms it. The Post thinks the whole thing would fall flat and expire in annihilation if no one noticed it.

Senator Platt, of New York, seems to have put the finishing touch upon an already ridiculous discussion—we refer to the proposed reduction of representation in congress under the fourteenth amendment. It was absurd enough before. General Keifer, of Ohio, had himself sent to congress as the champion of this monstrous reduction. Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, preached the virtue and utility of organized reproach—wanted southern representatives affected by the agitation to hold aloof, refuse their salaries, and parade, in forma pauperis, by way of making the Republicans ashamed of themselves.

What perplexes us, however, is the simplicity of the southern leaders in lending themselves to this astonishing comedy. The spectacle is touching enough. We admire it immensely. Here are certain Republican gentlemen who think it worth their while to broach a controversy in which they have nothing to lose and everything to gain, but which would fall first and expire of inanition if no one noticed it. Here, also—more the pity—are certain southern gentlemen, who may or may not see something in it for themselves, but who cannot by any chance see anything in it for their section or their constituents, taking up the quarrel and pursuing it with equal zeal. No doubt it is a very pretentious as it stands. The mystery, however, is deepening with every day.

One of the most entertaining and enjoyable features of the Methodist conference at Henderson was the address on "conference reminiscences" Saturday night by Rev. A. D. Betts, D. D. "Uncle Betts" as everybody loves to call him. He was full of his subject and delivered himself in a manner that caught and charmed his audience.

North Carolina Baptists and President Thomas Jefferson

(From the Raleigh Register of June 4, 1807.)

To the President of the United States. Sir: Under Divine protection, the Ministers and Messengers of the several Baptist churches of the North Carolina Chohan Association, held at Salem, on Newbegin creek, in Pasquotank county, in the district of Edenton, and state of North Carolina, having met by appointment to offer up the sacrifices of a broken and contrite heart to the great Author of their Being, for the unnumbered display of goodness, and tender mercies bestowed upon the children of men; and while rendering adoration, prayer and thanksgiving, with deep humility, for the great and unimpaired gift which brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, they feel a profound sense of the bounty received by the hands of the Supreme towards the several churches in our connection; by the overpouring of the Spirit upon them; not only in effecting a great increase of members, but in the substantial interest of the churches being supported and strengthened by a very great and very uncommon measure of Christian love, union and harmony among the brethren.

The sense of contrast between the present moment and a late period when the general toleration of a free conscience in the worship of the God of our Fathers; we have now great reason to shout with loud acclamations of joy and praise, that we can live under our own vine, and under our own fig tree in peace; and while we pray that the sons of liberty may be long at the helm of government, to rule and govern these United States, we feel the strongest emotions to be thankful that under your patronage and administration "There is none shall make us afraid."

Living under a government of our own choice, where the rights of men feel an equal and impartial distribution, how much ought we to rejoice at the envied happiness and freedom of our fellow citizens throughout these United States, unrivalled and unequalled by and nation on this terrestrial globe, and in the midst of national wealth, prosperity and peace, added to extent of empire under the wise policy of your administration; we feel no danger of your violating your trust, or at-

tempting to endanger the happiness of the people who have chosen you as their chief and head. And while our prayers and praises are due to the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe, who has made you an instrument in His hands to give such blessings to such a people, we pray that God of Battles may give you grace and glory, and that He may withhold no good thing from you. And may we devoutly be permitted to add our prayers to the great Disposer of Events, if it is His will, that that life devoted to the public good from the commencement of our glorious revolution to the present day; may be prolonged with blessings to yourself and common country.

Signed by order and on behalf of the association. GEORGE OUTLAW, Moderator. LEMUEL BURKITT, Clerk. Pasquotank, May 20, 1806.

Washington, June 24, 1806. Sir: I have duly received your address, signed by yourself on behalf of the ministers and messengers of the several Baptist churches of the North Carolina Chohan Association, held at Salem Church, and I proffer my thanks for the favorable sentiments which it expresses towards myself personally. The happiness which our country enjoys in the pursuits of peace and industry ought to endear that course to all its citizens, and to kindle their hearts with gratitude to the Being under whose providence these blessings are held. We owe to him especial thanks for the right we enjoy to worship Him, every one in his own way, and that we have been singled out, to prove, by experience, the innocence of freedom in religious opinions and exercises, the power of reason to maintain itself against error, and the comfort of living under laws, which assure us that, in these things, "There is none who shall make us afraid."

I am peculiarly gratified by the confidence you express that no attempt will ever be made by me to violate the trust reposed in me by my fellow-citizens; or to endanger their happiness. In this confidence you shall never be disappointed. My heart never felt a wish unfriendly to the general good of my fellow-citizens. Be so kind as to present my thanks to the churches of your association, and to assure them of my prayers for the continuance of every blessing to them now and hereafter; and accept yourself my salutations and assurances of great respect and consideration. TH. JEFFERSON. MR. GEORGE OUTLAW.

can see a lot of them hanging to car straps. Monkeys would be ashamed to claim some men as ancestors. The harder the job the easier it is for a lazy man to dodge it. Poets who write promissory notes are the ones who are long remembered. No matter how a girl is her folks always expect her to marry well. Some alleged self-made men are not finished; they were too small for the job. A wise wife never reminds her husband of the fool things he said when scolding her. A woman may believe only half what she hears, but she always hears twice as much as a man. No woman is ever as happy as a man thinks she is or as miserable as she believes herself to be.

One of the State's Best (Rutherfordton Sun.) The Morning Post is seven years old. It is one of the state's best dailies and ably edited sheets. The Sun has a high regard for the editor of that paper and his opinion on issues generally. May The Post continue to prosper is The Sun's wish to it. Made a Place for Itself (Statesville Landmark) The Raleigh Post was seven years old on the 1st. It is a good newspaper and has made place for itself in Raleigh and the state. The Landmark extends congratulations on its seventh anniversary and trusts that it may continue to have a healthful growth.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS (ChicagoNews.) No, Cordelia, the railway tie is not a four-in-hand. The woman who marries for money gets all she deserves. Bashings has a lot of happiness and escapes a lot of misery. Fewer women commit suicide than men, yet during the rush hours you

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