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DEMOCRATIC TICKET

NATIONAL: For President: WM. J. BRYAN, of Nebraska. For Vice-President: AD. A. E. STEVENSON, of Illinois.

COULD NOT HOLD OFFICE.

It turns out that the Populist nominee for president, Hon. Wharton Barker, is a nobleman and is not eligible for the office.

IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS

The Sun congratulates the city aldermen upon having the loose rock picked up and hauled off the streets.

We have frequently urged improvement upon these parts of Main and Innis streets and under ordinary circumstances expect the work to be done.

The ready response of the board to the wishes of the citizens in having the rocks taken off the streets leads us to believe that the repairs indicated will soon be made.

That Rabbit Foot Again.

The efficacy of the rabbit's foot is being tried on William Jennings Bryan, one having been sent him by registered mail last week.

EDITORIAL SQUIBS.

Major Edie, of the United States army, says there are 30,000 lepers in the Philippines, and yet some of us want 'em.

The 1,400 Cuban teachers who have been studying during the summer at Cambridge, Mass., will visit President McKinley at Washington before returning to Cuba.

The Iowa Democratic State convention yesterday nominated a State ticket and adopted a platform affirming the Kansas City platform and pledging support to Bryan and Stevenson.

John W. Gates, former head of the Steel Wire Trust, is said to have cleared \$1,000,000 on the English turf, and is coming home to become a candidate for the United States Senate from Illinois.

The Hamburg-American Line steamer Deutschland reached Plymouth, England, from New York this week in 5 days 11 hours and 45 minutes, making the fastest time ever attained by any ocean steamer.

The "Liberty Congress" of the Anti-Imperialistic League of America begun at Indianapolis yesterday, and President Boutwell, of the League, advocated an endorsement of Bryan to insure the defeat of McKinley.

A Republican in Catawba county, N. C., agreed to swallow his dog, hair and all, if the Democrats carried the county.

The Philadelphia Record says: "Mr. John Barrett, late Minister to Siam, has been sent by Chairman Hanna to preach the new 'McKinley doctrine' to the Republican natives of Maine and Vermont.

The spectacle of the Populist United States Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, going to his home under guard of thirteen heavily armed men is significant.

The Baltimore Sun editorially endorses the speech of acceptance made by Mr. Bryan at Indianapolis. This is of unusual interest to the politicians, because some claim that the Sun will eventually come out in support of the Democratic candidate.

"When I returned from Elba," Napoleon is quoted in the Century as saying, "I found among other papers of the Bourbons, an account of 6,000 francs paid monthly to the editor of the Times, besides taking 100 numbers monthly, and I had an order from them to write for me for payment.

"I was wrong, however; I ought to have accepted their efforts, and then my name would not have been held in such odium in England as it was. For in the end these newspapers formed the public opinion, and always will do so. I was very wrong; I see it now."

The Concord Times says: "The scarcity of water in Concord is becoming serious. The yard supplies have been cut off for some time and there is not enough to furnish what is needed for other purposes."

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

THURSDAY.

Two more American soldiers are dead of yellow fever in Cuba.

Conditions among the famine stricken of India are improving, about 6,149,000 persons now receiving relief.

Reports from the Visayan Islands show that there has been increased activity among the Filipinos in arms.

The death rate in the vicinity of Ponce, Porto Rico, is increasing alarmingly, 216 having occurred in the last two weeks of July.

Kurds fired upon the British Consul at Van, and the Ambassador at Constantinople has filed a strong protest with the Turkish Government.

General Kitchener and Methuen continue their unsuccessful efforts to trap General DeWet and his Boer troops in the Transvaal.

Dan Corn, a young white man living near Dahlonega, Ga., shot and killed his brother Kedar Corn, at a still yesterday. The young man had been conducting a distillery and met to divide some brandy. They could not agree over a division and words were passed. The difficulty ended in Kedar Corn's death. Dan Corn escaped.

General MacArthur has cabled the War Department a brief statement concerning the health of the troops in the Philippines. The number of sick in the hospitals is set down at 3,868, and in quarters at 1,361, making a total of 5,229 sick soldiers, or 8.47 per cent. of the entire army in the archipelago.

Miss Jewett Visits Hanna.

New York, August 13.—Perhaps the most interesting visitor at the National Republican Headquarters to-day was Lillian C. Jewett, the so-called "Joan of Arc" of the Anti-Lynching League of Boston.

"Poor girl! She wanted the Republican National committee to endorse the Anti-Lynching League. Of course we could not do it. We all deprecate lynching. I told her that all moral persons and law-abiding ones were against lynchings. This is not a party matter."

A Joke on the Populist.

One of the best jokes of the election comes from Franklin county. A fusion Populist was running for township constable in Hayesville township. He understood that he would be opposed by a Democrat and becoming apprehensive about his own election he offered a man \$5.00 to run independently so as to divide the Democratic vote.

A Brave Girl Saves Many Lives.

A Stroudsburg, Pa., Special, 12th, to Philadelphia Record says: Had it not been for the prompt action of Eva McCormick, a summer girl here, 35 persons on a pleasure ride would have met death down a mountain side today.

An Acting Mayor Stabbed to Death.

Punta Gorda, Fla., Aug. 14.—Acting Mayor Samuel Huffman, of Punta Gorda, had Tom Hartigan, a well known taxidermist, arrested to-day, for violating a city ordinance.

A RACE RIOT IN NEW YORK.

MOB RULE ALL NIGHT.

MANY AMBULANCES KEPT BUSY.

Riot Renewed in the Morning—700 Policemen on the Scene—40 of the Mob Arrested—Result of Negro Killing an Officer.

New York, Aug. 16.—The animosity between whites and blacks on account of the killing of Policeman Thorpe by a negro, resulted in a race war that lasted all night.

Five hundred policemen and an ambulance from every hospital on the West Side were kept busy. Over fifty were wounded, including five policemen. Forty of the rioters were made prisoners.

The riot started afresh this morning in spite of the efforts of seven hundred policemen and reserves in addition to the regular force. Several persons were shot. The mob attacked Shanty's restaurant to which place the negro fled for safety.

The mob numbered 1,500 or more. An Irish woman set up a howl and began to recite the virtues of the dead policeman. She said the negroes ought to be killed. Just then a young negro walked by. Then the white men made a rush for him and he was beaten and kicked and was rescued with great difficulty.

The crowd that surged into Broadway seemed uglier than that further west. There was at one time more than 5,000 persons in Broadway. Up and down, in and out of the hotels and saloons, through Herald Square, and the side streets the mob surged and rushed looking for negroes.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Arthur Harris, the murderer of Policeman Thorpe, was arrested here this morning.

Our Country.

There are many things in our country which we do not like and which can be and, we hope, some day will be made better, but two great political parties to watch all the doings of each other, and that there is no governmental restriction to prevent the publication of all the iniquities which either may find out about the other; and then, although vast accumulations of capital are getting tremendous power, it is still possible for men like Abraham Lincoln to come up from the ranks of the poor and lead the nation.

Heat Killed a Mule.

One of the large mules of the construction company that are building the road bed of the Great Eastern Railroad near Fremont, fell dead from the heat last Saturday and several other mules on the work collapsed. This is unusual and shows how intensely and unprecedentedly hot it is at this time in these parts.—Goldsboro Argus.

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CHARLOTTE HAS SENSATION.

Officers and A'dermen Seined in Water Supply Pond.

Charlotte has a sensational investigation on now.

The Observer of yesterday says: "It is charged that last Friday night Aldermen W. H. Allen, Policeman J. A. Cunningham, Constable J. A. Porter, Extra Policeman Ed Garrison and Q. A. Davis, bar-keeper in the Buford Hotel bar, swam and seined in the water-works pond, from which this city draws its water supply for drinking and all purposes."

The police commission met Tuesday afternoon and heard evidence against the policeman. The hearing was continued to yesterday.

The Observer says, after giving the evidence of several witnesses: "As the result of the action in this matter, Officer Cunningham is suspended from the police force by the police commission. Extra Policeman Garrison is also suspended, but he will not be tried by the police commission. If Cunningham is convicted he will be dismissed from the force and will be liable to criminal indictment. If the evidence is conclusive Messrs. Allen, Porter, Davis and Garrison will also be liable to criminal indictment. It was stated last night that the defense will be that the defendants were given permission by Mr. Duke to seine in the pond."

Under the acts of 1893, chapter 214, section 20, a penalty of \$1,000 fine and a year's imprisonment is imposed for defiling a public reservoir, as in the present case."

Automobiles to Replace Stages.

It is probable that one or more automobile lines will be established in the western part of Virginia. The feasibility of the scheme is to be considered by the Chesapeake and Ohio at an early date, and it is believed that either the railroad company will operate the line or that local companies in the West will run automobiles to connect with the Chesapeake and Ohio. The promoters of the scheme contend that if they can obtain the cross-country mail contracts at one or two important places in the West not immediately on the railroad that the passenger business now held by hacks can be easily secured and the success of the automobile scheme assured.

There is but one automobile line in the South. It is in Western North Carolina, and connects an important county seat with a branch of the Southern Railway, and is said to be paying well. The terminals of the North Carolina automobile line are in the mountains, and several hours are required by horse to traverse the distance. Horses cannot average more than three miles an hour with a load, but the automobiles have been making 20 and 25 miles over the same roads.

In Western Virginia, it is urged, there are a number of important towns situated from 8 to 20 miles from railroad lines, and these, if the scheme were properly promoted, would willingly furnish the necessary capital for conducting a new enterprise.—Richmond News.

Amelie Rives Strays Off.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 15.—A Charlottesville special says that the Princess Troubetsky—Amelie Rives, the authoress—who has been suffering from a severe attack of nervous prostration, disappeared from her home at Castle Hill yesterday afternoon, and after search was found near an old pond at the foot of Peter's Fountain, which figures in one of her stories. Her husband is at Castle Hill.

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SITUATION IN CHINA.

MORE BRITISH TROOPS ARRIVE.

But Objection is Made to Their Landing—Legations Again Bombarded—Envoys Were Reported Safe Two Days Ago.

London, August 15.—A despatch from Shanghai says the British troops from India have arrived there but the Viceroy objected to their landing. It is believed the Viceroy has been prevailed upon to take this course by the French and Russian consuls.

London, August 15.—A report from Hong Kong dated Aug. 13, says that the United States sea monitor Monterey will go to Canton in a few days to relieve the American cruiser, Don Juan De Austria. Chinese ever upon the Bagne forts will fire upon the monitor as the authorities are suspicious of foreign designs. The activity of the Chinese military authorities is most pronounced. Foreigners there think they perceive preparations for action at some time of some sort. They dislike the presence of the Chinese troops in the vicinity and the foreign settlement fear that the slightest indiscretion will lead to bloodshed and they would welcome the arrival of the Monterey.

London, August 15.—Rear Admiral Bruce telegraphs from Taku to the British Admiralty that he has received the following: dated August 10: "Troops are distant about twenty-seven miles from Pekin and are experiencing little opposition. A position had been prepared by the enemy but as the allies advanced they fled. The Tai Tsu Cavalry was charged by two squadrons of Bengal Lancers and many of the former were killed.

Leavenworth, August 15.—Two companies of the First Infantry, C and D, left Fort Leavenworth last night for San Francisco from whence the companies will sail.

Paris, August 15.—A despatch from Pichon, minister at Pekin, says the situation is critical. There are supplies sufficient for 15 days. The despatch concludes: "Impossible to quit Pekin without European aid." No date is given.

Berlin, August 15.—The French government has given assent to the appointment of Count Von Waldsee as commander-in-chief of the allied forces in China.

London, August 15.—The foreign office was informed to-day by the Chinese ambassador that the envoys were safe two days ago.

Chefoo, August 16.—The ministers, their wives and children and all other foreigners in Pekin are safe with the allied army. Information to this effect has been received here. It comes from Chinese sources but is considered reliable. The allied army, according to this information, reached Pekin Monday and the entrance to the city was obtained Tuesday and the besieged foreigners rescued.

Takio, August 16.—A semi-official despatch from Tung Chow, dated 12th, says: "Japanese troops occupied Tung Chow today and are now ten miles from Pekin. The Chinese seem to have retreated toward Pekin last night. A quantity of arms and grain with great stores of rice have been captured."

Washington—August 16.—A cabinet meeting was called this morning to consider the China question. The rescue of the envoys is beginning to be the most delicate part of the work in settling the question. This country will in no wise depart from the course adopted in the beginning.

London, August 16.—It is reported that the Japanese troops occupied Fungsho, 10 miles from Pekin on August 12th.

PARCHED BY DROUGHT.

Crop Conditions More Unfortunate Than for Ten Years.

The weekly crop report just issued shows that the condition of crops in this State have reached a deplorable and alarming state. The slight rain that fell Monday night was less than one-fifth of an inch at Raleigh. While the rain extended from Charlotte to Raleigh it hardly laid the dust and was of no benefit to the sun-scorched crops.

The Crop Bulletin for the week ending Monday says: With an experience of over ten years the author of the Crop Bulletin of the North Carolina section does not remember conditions more unfortunate for agricultural interests than those prevailing throughout North Carolina since August 1, 1900. The weather during the week ending Monday, August 13, was characterized by severe drought and intense heat.

The maximum temperature ranged from 90 degrees near the east coast and in the mountain regions to over 100 degrees in the central section and Piedmont Plateau, while the daily means have averaged nearly 8 degrees above normal. The sunshine has been almost uninterrupted and there was practically an entire absence of precipitation during the week, the light showers reported August 11 being quite insignificant. The effect of the severe and prolonged drought has been very unfortunate; crops generally have deteriorated rapidly and all vegetation has been parched by the withering heat. The leaves of young deciduous trees have turned yellow, and the foliage of the forests look dull and sickly from the accumulated dust. Crops have suffered more because the previous drought in July lessened their vitality and drought-resisting power. Farm work has been suspended; stubble land is too hard to plow; the second crop of Irish potatoes cannot be planted nor turnip seed sown, since the absence of moisture prevents all growth.

Even cotton is unable to withstand the drought much longer. Late cotton that was plowed early in August is still doing fairly well, and is heavily fruited, but older cotton is failing rapidly; leaves are turning yellow, forms are shedding, and bolls drying up and opening prematurely. Old corn has been practically ruined, many fields are completely dried from the tassel to the ground, and a small yield only can be obtained from early matured ears. Young corn will also be a failure without rain very soon; much of it will not silk, as growth has ceased; only crops on low or rich lands with abundant humus to retain moisture are still good. Tobacco is drying up near the bottom and ripening too rapidly; curing is progressing with only fair results; as a small crop was planted the yield will be short. Minor crops, especially peanuts, rice and sweet potatoes, have deteriorated considerably. Pea vines and pastures have dried up. Fruit and melons are very abundant and a fine crop of grapes is expected. Shallow wells and streams have become dry and stock is suffering in some places.

We Do Not Believe in War.

We do not believe in war. We did not believe in the Cuban war, nor in the Philippine war, nor in the South African war, and we do not believe in a Chinese war.

Following the religion proclaimed to the world by Christ, professed by Christian nations, acted upon by Wm. Penn, and taught by our "American Humane Education Society," we believe that the difficulties in every one of the above-named cases could have been settled without the firing of a single gun or the destruction of a single life, either human or animal. The creed of our American Humane Education Society is a very short one, "Glory to God," "Peace on earth," "Kindness, justice and mercy to every living creature."—Our Dumb Animals.

An American young lady, a missionary in China, writing to her brother in this country in June, said: "The Chinese idea of war is to kill and torture women and children, burn property and murder pianos, organs and other monsters"

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THE NEGRO NOT AN ISSUE.

Democrats to Make the Fight on the Kansas City Platform.

The negro question will hardly arise in the National campaign in North Carolina. At least that is the expressed sentiment of a large number of the papers in the State.

Speaking of the question of making the negro an issue in this campaign, Chairman Simmons said:

"The campaign will be conducted on the issues enunciated by the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis."

"But," said Mr. Simmons, "if the Republicans attempt to organize the 80,000 negroes in this State, the negro question will be raised in its worst form." Republican leaders are declaring that they will not solicit the negro vote.

The National campaign will not open in North Carolina until after September 1st. Democratic headquarters are closed and will not be opened again until that time.—Raleigh Post.

A Woman's Race With Death.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 15.—In a race with death yesterday Mrs. Kate Butts, wife of Cromer Butts, a charcoal burner lost.

Mrs. Butts, who is 30 years of age and the mother of three children, went from this place in the afternoon to gather berries, going to the vicinity in which she thought her husband was working. He was absent. The wife had often been with him at his work, and she had learned that charcoal mounds must always be covered. A hole had been burned in one of the mounds, and to cover it and save the charcoal Mrs. Butts climbed to the top. Her weight disturbed the smoldering wood beneath, and sparks shot out, igniting the cotton dress she wore.

In a moment her clothing was ablaze, with no one at hand to help her. She started to her home at this place, a distance of half a mile, through woods and fields. Bits of burned flesh found along the path to-day by neighbors told of her flight for home and help. She arrived here at 3 o'clock. Dr. J. A. Devore was summoned, but was powerless to save her, and she died at 8 o'clock last evening.

Four Children Starved to Death.

A Goldsboro special to the Charlotte Observer of yesterday says: The Wilson Daily News this afternoon tells us of the inhuman treatment and death of four children in Nash county, George Griffin and his third wife, tiring of Griffin's children by former wives, put the four little ones in an outhouse, giving them little or no attention, with the result that from hunger and disease they were prostrated and died. One of the children, weak and emaciated, went to its father in the field and was beaten with a switch, and on its return to the house fell from exhaustion, dying soon afterwards. Griffin and his wife have been arrested and jailed.

Keeps His Petrified Wife.

A Chanote, Kan., special says: For several years J. H. Rickel has kept his two wives in his little carriage shop here, and the women have never spoken to each other, yet no jealousy exists between them.

The reason for this is that the first wife, who died in the Dakota bad lands twenty-five years ago, is petrified and is securely packed in a wooden box.

The living wife is her husband's constant companion and helps him in the shop, besides doing her housework.

When Rickel moved from Dakota several years ago he exhumed the body of wife No. 1 and found it to be petrified. He says it seems only natural that he should want her body as near him as possible. He adds that it is the only thorough case of petrification of a human body in the United States. The form is perfect and the features of the face almost lifelike.

Collis Huntington's Remains.

Utica, August 15.—A special train left clearwater at 9:30 this morning bearing the remains of Collis Huntington. It is due to arrive at Utica at 7 o'clock and will proceed immediately to New York.