

## Crocker Will Help Bryan.

COMING OVER NEXT MONTH.

Former Tammany Chief Sa's he Will Take off His Coat, Roll up His Shirt Sleeves and Get to Work for Colonel Bryan—In 1896 He Opposed The Nebraskan.

(Special to The Mascot.)  
New York, August 17—Richard Crocker, former leader of Tammany Hall, will come to America next month to lend the weight of his influence to the effort to elect William J. Bryan president. He is expected to leave Queenstown for New York on or about September 18.

This is the information that came today from close friends of Richard Crocker, Jr., and Edward Cahill, the two men in New York most intimately acquainted with the plans of the old Tammany Hall chief. His coming is expected to cause rejoicing in the ranks of Tammany, where the personal influence of their former chief is still strong.

Mr. Crocker's plan to help Mr. Bryan is in line with a promise made by him to the Nebraskan when Mr. Bryan left Ireland on the last lap of his world tour two years ago. Mr. Crocker accompanied Mr. Bryan to his ship and assured him that in the event of his nomination by the Democrats he (Crocker) would do everything in his power to bring about Bryan's election. Further than this, while Mr. Bryan was in New York in the early summer, Mr. Crocker sent a personal message expressing the hope that the democrats would again nominate him.

Richard Crocker, Jr., with his bride, left New York for his father's home in Ireland a week ago Thursday, and was followed by Mr. Cahill. Both young Crocker and Mr. Cahill will return to New York with the elder Mr. Crocker in September.

In announcing his purpose to come to Mr. Bryan's aid Mr. Cooper is reported to have said that he has no intention whatever of taking any further part in the New York political game. Other phases of the situation, he said, he had no thought of interfering with, and he would return to Ireland as soon as he had accomplished what he could to further the interests of the Democratic nominee.

The news that Mr. Crocker had sent to New York his unqualified indorsement of Mr. Bryan for the nomination caused a scurrying about of certain Tammany leaders. The news that Mr. Crocker is to follow up this indorsement by a personal effort to elect Mr. Bryan is expected to accelerate materially the activity of Tammany's present leaders in the campaign. Despite Mr. Crocker's severance of official relations between himself and the organization of which he was so long the head, his personal opinions still have great weight with thousands of his former workers.

Mr. Crocker opposed Mr. Bryan in 1896, but soon afterward revised his opinion of the Nebraskan, and for 10 years the personal relations between them have been growing closer.

Mrs. E. L. Long and daughter, Helen, of Elmwood are at Davis Springs for a week.

## CHARGES ARE DENIED.

Commander Armfield Says "While in Camp I Saw Not One Case of Drunkenness Neither Did I Hear of Any, Either in Camp or En Route to or From Home Stations."

General J. F. Armfield, of this city, who was commander of the post at Camp Glenn during the encampment of the First Infantry, has written Colonel J. T. Gardner, of the First Regiment refuting the charges made against its conduct by the North Carolina Advocate. General Armfield says in part: "Your Regiment did exactly what they were sent to camp to do, i. e., shot the marksman's course in Special course 'C.' Considering the short stay at camp this was fast and good work. While in camp I saw not one single case of drunkenness. Neither did I hear of any, either in camp or en route to or from home stations. The order and behaviour of the men both while in and out of camp was good. They were orderly and well behaved."

General Armfield has also given out the following facts relative to the encampment of the First:

"The soldiers arrived in camp Saturday, and the remainder of the day and evening was spent in getting the camp in shape. The next day being Sunday was of course a rest day. The four remaining days—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—were days of hard work. Under the regulations of the War Department, the soldiers must take what is known as the marksman's course and unless this course is taken they lose their standing at the department. At his encampment the course was taken and the engine course means thirty shots for each man. To do the work the men were engaged in the broiling hot sun from early morning till evening of each of the four days. One battalion shot at a time and one battalion was required to keep and wait on that engaged in shooting. This left one battalion in camp for guard and regular camp duty. When one battalion finished shooting another took its place and this was kept up during the entire four days. So far as real and active price in the duties of a soldier are concerned, this encampment far surpassed any that have been held. Of course a visitor seeing a few idle men might have concluded that was all of it, knowing nothing of the real work at the rifle range, some distance away."

The charge of the Advocate was as follows:

"An eye witness informs the editor of the Advocate that the encampment of North Carolina troops at Morehead, last week, including the trip home was one grand debauch. Now is it not time for the people to have something to say about spending their good money once a year for nothing but the affording of an opportunity of booze on the part of these military companies? So far as any drill or practice is concerned the whole thing is a picturesque farce."

## New Telephone Line.

Mr. F. G. Drumwright, of Enola, who had charge of the construction of the new telephone line between Statesville and Mooresville, has completed a line to Diamond Hill, the new suburb east of the city.

Patrons of the Iredell Telephone Co., can now get connection with the Statesville Safe & Table Co., and the Statesville Plaster & Cement Co.

## Two Killed; Two Injured.

### BAD BOILER EXPLOSION.

Henry Gilbert and Fred Jackson Two White Men, Lose Their Lives at Reid's Sawmill in Caldwell County—Owner of the Plant and Son Also Injured.

Taylorsville, August 17.—Two lost their lives and two others were seriously, probably fatally, injured by the explosion of the boiler at Mr. William Reid's sawmill, near Draco, in Caldwell county, sixteen miles from Taylorsville, this morning at 11 o'clock. The dead are Henry Gilbert, aged about 50. Fred Jackson, aged 21. The injured are Mr. William Reid, the owner of the mill, and his son, Hugh.

All the parties are white and were working at the sawmill when the explosion occurred. Mr. Reid is not expected to live and the son is in a serious condition.

The exact cause of the explosion has not been ascertained but it is thought to have been the result of too high pressure. The safety valve was tied down and the exact pressure at the time of the explosion is not known. The boiler was thrown 50 yards and demolished. The engine was also completely wrecked.

### Cafe Changes Hands.

The firm of Gregory & Foster was yesterday dissolved by mutual consent.

Mr. Gregory disposes of his interest in the Iredell Cafe and will devote his entire attention to the Gem theater.

The patronage of this amusement enterprise has increased very materially of late and Mr. Gregory has found that its management required his undivided attention.

Mr. Foster now becomes sole proprietor of the Cafe and proposes to run it in a thoroughly first class and up to date manner.

Mr. Foster will cater both to the transient trade and regular boarders. He already has a number of the latter and they all speak in the highest praise of both the "table" and the service.

Mr. Foster is one of Statesville's popular young men and all hands should give his establishment the patronage it deserves.

### Single Men Wanted.

The editor of The Mascot has received a letter containing an advertisement which reads:

"Single Men Wanted—Apply at Davis Brothers' Sulphur Springs." (Signed.)

One of the Old Maids. "I inclose 10 cents" the letter says "to pay for one insertion." Nevertheless, the sender neglected to send the money and so of course it is against our rules to "put the ad in."

The letter is written in a dainty feminine hand and is strong with sweet perfume of Young Violets. We cannot believe that the maid who sent it has reached a sufficient age to entitle her to the pseudonym "old maid" as she signs her ad.

### Weather Forecasts.

Washington, D. C., August 18.—For North Carolina generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Slightly cooler tonight in interior.

## CONFEDS TO WINSTON.

Half Hundred of the Old Warriors Will Probably Attend the State Reunion at the Twin City on Tomorrow.

The conspicuous outstanding and overshadowing event of the week for some 4,000 veterans of the Confederate army which forty-five years ago astounded the civilized world will be the state reunion of these self-same soldiers in the city of Winston-Salem, in the county of Forsyth.

Just how many will go from Iredell is not known but it is safe to say that this county will be well represented.

They will go clad in the old regalia of the "Lost Cause," there to clash hands once more with their associates of the days of war, and warring according to Sherman's definition.

There are many of these old "Vets" in and near Statesville and they never miss a meeting; they are never absent from any occasion where the Confederacy is to be mentioned.

A still smaller number, who are able to do so, never let any stretch of geographical distance whatever keep them away from a scheduled reunion. If it is in Texas, if it is in Kentucky, if it were to be India, they are and would be there.

These are the kind who will journey to Winston-Salem and many of them are already on the way.

The program for the two days is as follows:

### Wednesday, August 19th.

Meeting of Veterans at Elks Auditorium 10 o'clock. . . . Music—America.

Prayer—Rev. H. A. Brown. Address of Welcome—Hon. C. B. Watson.

Response—in behalf of Veterans Gen. H. A. London.

Address—Gen. Bennett C. Young. Commander of Kentucky Division of United Confederate Veterans.

Music—Old Kentucky Home. Address—Gen. C. Irwin Walker, Commander of the Department of the Army of Northern Virginia.

Music—Carry Me Back to Old Virginia.

### Recess for Dinner.

Diner at Brown's Warehouse, 12:30 to 2 p. m.

3:00 p. m. Annual Election of Officers, Division and Brigade Commanders, and miscellaneous business, at Elks Auditorium.

Watermelon Feast at 5:00 p. m. Farmers' Warehouse, Supper 6:00 to 7:30.

8:00 p. m.—Grand Concert at Salem Square by Winston and Salem Bands playing together, sixty pieces.

### Thursday, August 20th.

9:00 o'clock a. m.—Parade of Veterans, led by Brass Bands employing seventy pieces with Drum Corps, to start from corner of 5th and Cherry Streets, thence down Cherry Street to Shallowford Street, Salem, thence to Main street to Court Square.

The procession will move in the following order:

First—Gen. J. S. Carr and staff, with distinguished visitors.

Second—Band preceded by the surviving members of the 21st and 26th North Carolina Regimental Bands, with their old war instruments.

Third—The Veteran column on foot.

Fourth—Sponsors, disabled Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy, and Sons of Veterans, Military and Fire Companies.

Fifth—Visitors and Citizens in carriages.

## Broom Handle Was Weapon.

### USED BY THE DEFENDANT.

Mrs. Maria Weatherman Prances Into The Lime-Light Once More. This Time She is Accused of Perjury and Her Son With Assault With a Deadly Weapon.

Considerable interest is being manifested in a case that will be aired in Magistrate Sloan's court tomorrow morning.

At that time Mrs. Maria Weatherman will be tried on a charge of perjury. At the same time her son will answer to the charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

It will be remembered that some time ago Mrs. Weatherman had Elmore Cloaninger arrested on about as many different charges as are known to the criminal code.

Cloaninger had ran away with one of the old lady's daughters and married her. He was charged with trespass, various kinds of assaults and if in the three or four warrants she had forgotten anything that she thought was bad about her new son-in-law, she told of it in her testimony.

Now Cloaninger appears as the prosecutor and in a warrant he has sworn out, he charges his mother-in-law with the serious crime of perjury, in that at the recent trial she testified under oath that the daughter he had married was not then 18 years of age and that Cloaninger obtained the marriage license by swearing falsely in regard to the "gal's" age.

He also, in another warrant charges Burt Cloaninger, a son of the old lady, with assaulting him with a deadly weapon, to-wit, a broom stick.

So it seems that Cloaninger has found the matrimonial road fully as rocky as that to Dublin.

The trial is on Squire Sloan's docket for 9 a. m.

### Darkey's in Court.

The residents of Rabbittown were out in force this afternoon in Judge Sloan's court to hear the trial of Emeline Griffin, charged with slander.

Witnesses testified that she asserted that Emmer McLelland had caused a man and his wife to separate. Several witnesses, among them Mr. D. A. Miller and a negro Methodist preacher, testified as to the good character of the McLelland woman.

The defendant, her husband and several other witnesses denied the charge but the Justice concluded there was "probable cause" and held the prisoner in \$50 for the higher court. She furnished bail.

Lawyer Zeb V. Long appeared for the prosecution.

### Birthday Party at Amity.

Mr. A. W. Cook of Amity was 85 years old yesterday and his friends celebrated the event by giving him a surprise party.

Mr. Cook has recently recovered from a severe illness.

Mr. R. B. Culp of Mooresville visited here yesterday on his way to New York where he was formerly in business for a visit.

Dinner—from 12:30 to 2 p. m. During afternoon Free Trolley Ride. Tickets furnished Veterans by Committee.

6:00 p. m.—Closing exercises at Square.

(Supper—6:00 to 7:30 p. m.)

## PERSONAL NOTES.

Some Happenings Among Those People You Know and Others You Don't Know.

The Charlotte Chronicle says: "Mrs. E. G. Gilmer, of Statesville, is among the guests registered at the Central today."

Misses Edith Moore and Julia Bristol, of Statesville, who visited Miss Margaret Bristol at Morganton have returned to their homes in this city.

The Morganton News-Herald says: "Mr. John Ford, of the Statesville Marble Yard, is spending this week in town."

Mr. James McIntosh, the popular mail clerk on the Taylorsville and Charlotte road is spending the day in the city.

The Greensboro Industrial News says: "Miss Mary La F. Robbins, of Statesville, who has been attending the Harvard University summer school at Cambridge, Mass., arrived in the city Saturday and is visiting Mrs. Clingman, in Ashe street."

Mr. Geo. A. Grimsley, secretary and treasurer of the Security Life and Annuity Co., of Greensboro will spend today in the city.

Dr. J. P. Turner of Greensboro passed through this city this morning on his way home from Davis' Sulphur Springs at Hiddenite. Mr. Turner is traveling in his automobile, and reports nice roads, and a pleasant trip.

Miss Gertrude Dinguid who was visiting her cousin, Miss Beth Evans, has returned to her home at Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Knox, of Mt. Ulla visited Mr and Mrs. W. L. Neely over Sunday.

Miss Roy Kincaid of Griffin Ga., has arrived with her cousin, Mrs. L. B. Bristol.

Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon-house of Edgefield, S. C. are expected to arrive tomorrow for a visit with Mr and Mrs. T. M. Mills.

Miss Angie Caldwell who has been visiting friends at Lincolnton for some time is expected to arrive here tomorrow for a visit with Mrs Dr. M. R. Adams.

Mrs. P. F. Laugenour returned yesterday from a visit in Charlotte.

Misses Flossie and Lillian Houston of Davidson are visiting a number of relatives in the city.

Mrs. W. H. McKay and little child are with the former's parents at Hiddenite.

Lawyer Dorman Thompson has returned from Morganton where he was the guest of friends over Sunday.

Miss Willie Connelly and Mas-Clarence and Louis Connelly have gone to Taylorsville to visit Mrs. J. L. Gwaltney.

Rev Charles A. Leonard who was assisting Rev. S. D. Swaim in a protracted meeting at Lexington, in Davidson county, has returned to this city.

Mr. J. C. Sullivan who has been visiting here and in North Iredell for several days has returned to his home in Winston.

Mr. W. O. Benton, government gauger in the internal revenue service has recovered from his recent illness and returned to his office at Salisbury yesterday.

### Will Meet Hackett.

It was stated on the streets this morning by one who claimed to know, that Mr. C. H. Cows, republican candidate for congress, had decided to accept Representative Hackett's challenge and that he would shortly announce his willingness to meet that gentleman in a limited number of appointments.