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THE CROWN WILL BE READY FOR SOME ONE NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

FROM NOW ON THERE IS GOING TO BE A RACE WELL WORTH WATCHING.

The Contest Manager Will Issue Double Votes Until 9 O'clock Tonight—Intense Interest in the Contest—It is Impossible to Venture a Prediction as to Which Direction the Winner Will Spring from.

The contest manager will receive subscriptions and issue votes at the rate of two to one until 9 o'clock tonight. The interest is at white heat and this interest is going to increase with each succeeding day. Today marks the finish of the fifth lap of this great race; next week will be the last, for the contest will close the 3d of June, next Saturday night at 9 o'clock.

Some of the favorites may be tumbled from their lofty position before the close; in fact it is so much anybody's race that it is impossible even to venture a prediction as to which direction the winner will spring from. The workers for each of the little ones realize that the crucial moment is at hand and they see quite plainly what is cut out for them is their favorite is to win. Every baby now remaining in the race has an excellent chance to win, but the parents and friends of each must reach a speedy conviction that they cannot spare or lose a single moment.

Today is one of the big days of the contest and we are looking for some of the babies who have not made much of a showing in the contest to take ad-

vantage of the double votes and forge rapidly to the top of the list.

Just as this time we wish to state for the benefit of our many candidates who are in this great contest, that all sorts of foolish stories are likely to be circulated as to the activity of some candidate. You are going to hear that Baby So and So has an organization behind them that is bound to make them the winner of the first grand prize in this race. If, by circulating such report or causing it to be circulated, they succeed in securing out other contestants in their district competition is reduced just so much. It might be stated that it is not a race for the faint-hearted. The management cannot stop the circulation of these stories, but the better judgment of the candidates themselves should tell them that no one is able to secure more votes in a given time than themselves. Your own experience in securing votes is the best barometer of conditions. Just remember that the same conditions that you are meeting must be met by every other contestant; that the field is clear and clean, and no one possesses an advantage that you may not make your own.

DIAZ FLEES COUNTRY.

De-throned President of Mexico Leaves Capital Secretly.

Mexico City, May 26.—Porfirio Diaz, for whom during thirty years all Mexico stood to one side, early today had in hand, stole from the capital. Only a few devoted friends, whom he dared to trust, followed him to the station at 2 o'clock this morning, shortly after the celebration over his resignation had quieted down.

Diaz was bound for Vera Cruz to take ship to Spain. In the distance he could hear the voices of a few of the more enthusiastic citizens who were still acclaiming the new President, Francisco Leon de la Barra, and shouting "viva Madero."

So carefully were the arrangements made for the abdicated President's escape that the news did not transpire until late today. Secrecy was due less to apprehension of a popular outburst than to a desire to reach Vera Cruz before marauders along the route could learn of the trip.

Travel between Mexico City and Vera Cruz usually is over the Mexican Railroad, a standard gauge line with modern equipment. Bails along this route, however, frequently have been removed of late by bandits, who were determined that Diaz, for reasons best known to themselves, should not leave the capital. They are reported to have harbored the idea that Diaz would follow the precedent of other Latin-American Presidents and carry the national funds with him.

General Diaz probably will make his home in Madrid. Private telegrams received here tonight report the arrival of General Diaz at Vera Cruz at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

According to these dispatches Diaz boarded the Ypiranga, a Hamburg-American boat tonight. The vessel is due to sail south to Coahuila tomorrow. She will return to Vera Cruz and sail for Europe Wednesday.

Will the Southern Firemen Strike. Washington, May 25.—Although the controversy between the Southern Railway and its firemen has reached a critical stage it appears doubtful that a strike will result. The firemen's organization has demanded an increase of 20 per cent in wages with a threat to strike as the alternative.

President Finley was in conference today with other officials of the company regarding the situation and shortly afterward arranged for a conference afterward arranged for a conference and Finley later in the day. It is expected a final determination of the controversy may then be reached.

H. O. Teat, of Atlanta, vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, said no strike would be ordered until after the fullest opportunity is given for adjustment.

Raleigh is up against a proposition. The insurance people have notified the city that the water supply is inadequate and unless it is speedily brought up to the standard, insurance rates will be raised. The most serious objection is that the water mains are too small. To remove them and substitute larger ones is almost like putting in a new plant.

THE NEW ROWAN DOG LAW.

Favored by Some, Opposed by Others—Moving Dogs to Cabarrus.

The new dog law passed for Rowan by the last General Assembly, is being received with favor in some sections of the county and in others it is opposed. In the western part of the county the farmers urge that the law be carried out to the letter, especially the feature which enforces keeping the dogs up from May 1 to September 1. It appears the dogs in this section are killing both the sheep and young game, and the farmers are very desirous that the dogs should be enclosed according to the law.

In the southern part of the county a very pretty story reaches the Post. The farmers oppose paying tax on their dogs and are corraling them in Cabarrus county, just over the Rowan line. As many as forty dogs have been herded in the neighboring county during the past week and more are likely to be spirited across the line before the assessor arrives. The question is an interesting one. Are the dogs liable to tax if kept in Cabarrus until the tax listing is over and then brought back? The owner does not possess a dog in the county. The case is worthy of discussion.

Storm Does Hundred Thousand Dollars Damage at Durham.

There was a severe storm in Durham last night. All the trolley cars were put out of business, the telegraph and telephone poles blown down. Worse still than that are the complete destruction of the Venable Tobacco Company's pristry with forty thousand pounds of tobacco and the Chatham hosiery mill's utter wreck by fire caused by crossed wires and lightning.

The wind and rain came about 6:30 and people were driven from the streets by great waves of dust and gravel. Colossal glass windows were shattered and dashed into the streets and wagons being driven over the streets were bodily lifted and turned over with men in them. A barbecue party in automobiles dashed into a live wire but backed out with slight shocks.

Thus far no actual injuries have been reported, though the destruction has been immense.

The damage cannot be estimated because in the city communication has been so interrupted that one cannot find half of it. Some guesses have put it about \$100,000, largely covered by insurance.

Rev. Dr. R. A. Yoder, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church at Lincolnton, died suddenly there this week. Dr. Yoder was about 58 years old and has filled a prominent place in his church for more than twenty years. He was for ten years president of Lenoir College, at Hickory, having gone back to the regular pastoral work some six years ago. He will be greatly missed in his church.

Japan, it is stated in official circles, is prepared to participate in negotiations for a general arbitration treaty with the United States and willing to submit a proposal for such an agreement, if invited.

WANTS COUNTER PETITION.

Citizen Says City Needs Two Ticket Windows—Says Fast Trains Should Stop Here.

Mr. Editor:—I notice the Southern Railroad people have gotten busy and "swooped" down on Concord and asked the good citizens of our town to sign a petition in order that they may be relieved of opening another window in their office for the accommodation of the traveling public, and I understand a number signed this petition, in consideration that a baggage man be employed to see that our trunks got off on time—or in other words, to relieve the ticket agent. That sounds good, but from my observations that will not meet the case. On most of the day trains it is very difficult to get a ticket before the arrival of the train unless you take a very early start. I think when the Legislature passed the law it certainly intended that a town of 9000 people should have some accommodations, and that two windows for a place the size of Concord would not be too many—even if we are to be honored with a baggage man. One of the rules of the railroad is that you must show your ticket before the baggage is checked, and if this rule is to be enforced, then two windows are necessary if we do have some one to check our baggage. The ones who signed this petition I am sure have good intentions, but gentlemen, my observation has been not to sign petitions to relieve railroads until you are relieved.

As we are on railroads, let's continue a little further. Think of such a station for a town like ours. When will it be better? Just as soon as the people rise up and go before the Corporation Commission and demand decent accommodations. This is the way in which most of the depots have been built in this State. Another thing, we are being badly treated as to through train accommodations. Take for instance train No. 43 which arrives about 9:35 p. m. If you are good enough to take this train beyond Greensboro, you are permitted to get off at Concord. That is very good. However, should no one be on that train east of Greensboro, and you are wanting to go to Atlanta, the train does not stop. You are asked to take No. 35—an hour earlier—and this puts you in Atlanta at 5 a. m. Of course, you must be an early riser and crawl out of your berth about 4:30 a. m., or you will be taken to Birmingham or New Orleans.

Train No. 37—this is the finest train in the South—a palace on wheels, but you are not allowed to take it at Concord for the South. If you want to ride on the vestibule you must leave here about 6:25 a. m., go to Charlotte and wait for this train which arrives there at 10 o'clock. If you are coming from Chattanooga via Atlanta the vestibule is the first train leaving Atlanta after the morning train from Chattanooga. You are told that you cannot take this delightful train if you are to go to Concord, but there is a train one hour later you can take. That will land you in Concord at 11:55 p. m.

Now, what impression do you suppose this makes on a stranger coming to Concord? He, of course, can come to no other conclusion but that we are a little "way station." I'm not "agin" railroads—I'm for them, but I want them to give Concord decent treatment. Do we want a "Greater Concord?" If so, we shall have to have different treatment than we have had from the railroad. I want to see the town in which I have lived since a boy, and while I love so much, treated in a way that will bring to it all the resources to which it is entitled. I hope we will have a counter petition before the Corporation Commission, or that the Railroad people will see their way to grant the accommodations without going before the Commission.

All Saints' Episcopal Church. During the three months absence of the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Ball, his son, Francis H. Ball, a licensed Missioner of the diocese, will have charge of the parish, and the continuation of the regular 11 o'clock morning and 8 o'clock evening services on Sundays, and the 8 o'clock mid-week evening service on Wednesdays.

On Sunday next, being the Sunday after Ascension Day, the services will be as usual, with Sunday School at 10 a. m.

At the evening service Mr. Ball will begin a regular course of sketches on the Life, Character and Work of Jesus Christ. These talks will be given in a regular order each Sunday evening until the course is finished.

Sunday's theme will be "Jesus' Choice in Regard to His Life" as based on the account of the Temptation in the Wilderness.

THE PASSING OF A MOST WORTHY FAMILY.

Last Member of a Family Which Settled in Cabarrus in 1776.

Mr. Editor:—Some time during the year 1776 there came to North Carolina and settled in what is now No. 3 township, Cabarrus county, a family of Carrigans. Before coming here they stopped for a while at a place called Haw fields, supposed to be in Orange or Alamance county. Tradition as to where it is located is not known. James Carrigan, the head of the family at that time, was past middle life and died in 1783. Whether he did service in the Revolution is not known. His son, William Carrigan, enlisted in the American army in 1776 and did service until the close of the war in 1783. The only battles that it is now known that he was in was Ramseur's mill and Gum Swamp.

It is on the records of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C., that he made application for pension in 1832, died in 1844.

The next in line was Robert Carrigan. He did service in the war of 1812. Your correspondent recollects him very well and has heard Rev. Walter Pharr preach at the residence of Mr. Carrigan after he was unable to attend church. He drew a pension from the war of 1812 and died in 1873.

The property was then handed down to his son, Franklin, who was a veteran of the late war and who died in 1907, aged 92.

The property has now passed into the possession of Miss Catherine, daughter of Franklin Carrigan, she being the only child and past middle life. Miss Catherine occupies the second Carrigan residence. The first residence has long since gone. The present residence was built in 1804.

Miss Catherine is the fifth direct descendant of James Carrigan and a most excellent lady. Surely this has been a most noted family and this place a noted home, but with the passing of Miss Catherine the home will pass into other hands and the name will pass from this section.

Now, Mr. Editor, there is one other family that came here before the Carrigans that occupy a part of the old homestead that I may give you a sketch of at some future time provided you wish to publish it. The history of these families show that this section was settled by a people in search of a desirable place and that when they found it they knew it and made their home there for generations.

Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, the venerable president of the college of bishops of the Southern Methodist church, will be present at the approaching Trinity college commencement, June 4-7. Bishop Wilson is one of the greatest preachers of America.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Miss Myrtle Sloop is visiting friends in Salisbury.

Squire W. J. Hill spent yesterday afternoon in Charlotte.

Dr. J. S. Lafferty has gone to Davidson College commencement.

Mr. William Wadsworth spent yesterday afternoon in Charlotte.

Miss Wilma Correll is visiting friends in Abbeville, S. C.

Mayor C. B. Wagoner spent yesterday afternoon in Charlotte.

Miss Ashlyn Lowe returned Friday evening from Converse College.

Miss Margaret Hendrix has returned from Lenoir College, Hickory.

Mr. Roy Sanders, of Greenwood, S. C., is a Concord visitor today.

Prof. R. L. Keesler, of Charlotte, has been spending the week around Concord fishing.

Mr. Brice Caldwell arrived this morning from A. & M. College, Raleigh.

Rev. W. H. Causey has gone to Salisbury, where he will preach tomorrow.

Miss Mattie Forrest returned today from a few days visit at Kannapolis with friends.

Miss Grace Brown, of Kannapolis, is spending a few days with her father, Mr. J. F. Brown.

Mrs. Harley Propst and two children, of Kannapolis, are visiting at Mr. Worth Propst's.

Mr. E. L. Eiford has returned from Anson county, where he has been visiting relatives for a week.

Mrs. L. S. Cannon and children, of Roanoke, are visiting Mrs. Cannon's mother, Mrs. E. A. Forrest.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier has returned from Western North Carolina, where he has been spending several days.

Mr. R. D. McMillian has returned to his home in Chester, after visiting friends in the city for several days.

Miss Grace Carter has returned to her home in Hillsboro after visiting friends in the city for several days.

Mr. J. Locke Erwin has gone to Statesville to spend Sunday with Mrs. Erwin, who is at Dr. Long's Sanitarium.

Messrs. W. H. Wadsworth and Eugene Barnhardt have gone to Chapel Hill to attend the University of North Carolina commencement.

Misses Flossie Bingham and Johnnie Cameron, who have been visiting Miss Adele Pemberton, will leave this afternoon for their respective homes in Daytona, Fla., and Rockingham.

Someone entered the chicken house of Dr. B. L. Griffin last night and stole eight young chickens.

LONG DROUGHT DAMAGES CROPS.

The Cotton, Fruit and Grain are Injured—Rain Fall Greatly Off.

News and Observer.

The crops of North Carolina have been damaged to a great extent and promise to be endangered further by the drought that has prevailed in almost every section of the State, especially in the southeastern portion.

Mr. W. W. Holding, a prominent citizen of Wake Forest, who was in the city yesterday, stated that in his section not more than half the cotton was up and that the rest would not get out of the ground until the dry spell was broken by rain. This condition, from the best that can be learned, prevails nearly all over the cotton section of the State.

When seen yesterday afternoon, Col. Benahan Cameron, who owns one of the largest farms in the State, situated in the northern part of Durham county, stated that the need of rain in his section was imperative in order to secure a crop any ways near the average. He stated that the small grain, hay, etc., stood in great danger and that it was impossible to set out tobacco plants, except by watering them, which was a slow and unsatisfactory process.

State Horticulturist W. N. Hutt reports that, on account of the pro-

longed droughts, the apples and what peaches escaped the late frosts, are dropping off. One man reported having lost 20 per cent. of his apple crop in one week. The pears, he said, were already done for, they having practically all been killed by the late frosts.

The strawberry crop, says Mr. Hutt, is cut in two, and from the way it looks now, the season is about over, as far as they are concerned.

According to the statistics at the local weather bureau the rainfall this far in the month is short.

The rainfall of yesterday was welcomed by the farmers in this section.

De la Barra Inaugurated.

The inauguration Friday of De la Barra as provisional President of Mexico was a brief affair, occupying only ten minutes. The oath was administered by the president of the Chamber of Deputies. The provisional President stood with his hand extended and repeated the oath. It is not the custom in Mexico to use the Bible in taking the oath, nor is the name of the Deity used.

Mrs. Zeb Blackwelder and son, Oswald, of Clifton Forge, Va., arrived Thursday night on a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. J. Phillips.

It's a Vitagraph at The Theatrum today.

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