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FORAKER NOT AFTER TAFT

Denounces the Nominee of His Party

Declares Taft's Position is Both Cowardly and Unneighborly—Should Have Given Him a Chance—He Would Have Stood by Taft Under Similar Conditions.

Cincinnati Sept. 22.—In a preliminary statement today Senator Foraker characterized the course of Taft in refusing to speak from the same platform with him and not allowing him a chance to defend himself from the Hearst attacks as cowardly and unneighborly. He says had the conditions been reversed he would have stood by Taft.

RIGID INSPECTION

Will be Made of all Immigrants on Account of Cholera.

New York, Sept. 22.—Immigration officials today received explicit instructions from Washington to make special health examinations of all immigrants now arriving on account of the rapid spread of Cholera in Russia. An expert will be sent to Russia to study conditions and keep the home authorities advised. American consuls in foreign parts have also been instructed to detain all Russians departing for this country for five days.

Cholera's Awful Work

St. Petersburg, Sept. 22.—There have been 155 deaths during the last 24 hours, and the number of new cases is reduced to 205. Figures from provinces would swell this total. Three provinces reported 382 cases, and 201 deaths in 24 hours.

NEBRASKA CONVENTIONS

All Parties Meet to Adopt Their Platforms.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 22.—The State conventions of all political parties met at noon today under a State primary law. The only business is to adopt platforms, and announce the new State committees. A strong fight is on in the Republican convention to prevent any expression on guaranteeing bank deposits and lobby of National bankers is here for that purpose. County option on prohibition is also a vexing issue.

ESCAPED AND KILLED TWO.

Insane Prisoner in Washington Escapes and Steals Blood.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Andrew Lightfoot, a negro prisoner at the Government Hospital suffering from homicidal mania, today escaped the guards and killed two persons. He then escaped into the woods, where he is being surrounded by armed guards.

Later—the negro was finally shot and captured in the woods on the bank of the Potomac. One of the persons killed was a guard and another a white female patient. Another woman patient suffered from a broken arm from the man's savage attack.

CARTOONIST HOWARD DEAD.

Was the Creator of "Lulu and Leander."

Philadelphia, Sept. 22.—Frank M. Howard, a widely known cartoonist, died this morning. He had drawn cartoons for many papers, and was the creator of "Lulu and Leander."

AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

Refined, Clever Vaudeville Bill Holding Fort This Week.

The vaudeville bill at the Crystal Palace this week is a good one. It is both refined and clever and was greeted by large and delighted audiences yesterday. All the artists are up-to-date and go to make-up a most pleasing bill. Performances are given both afternoons and nights.

BODY NOT FOUND.

Still Searching This Afternoon and Rewarded \$25 Offered.

Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon the body of Mr. William Hoefner, who was drowned by falling from the trestle of the Banks Channel last night, had not been recovered. Search is still being made, however, and a reward of \$25 has been offered for the recovery of the body.

Vote for Good Roads and Better Times. Poll-Tax Cannot be Increased.

Bicycle Stolen.

A bicycle was stolen from in front of the Parlor Market today, the machine being the property of Daney Moore. The wheel is an Iver Johnson model.

INVENTS AN AIRSHIP

Capt. Walter Taft Seems to Have Perfected Edison's Idea of the Successful Airship—Has a Model that Works Well—Invention Not Complicated.

Capt. Walter Taft, of this city, has invented an airship which seems to meet precisely the idea as expressed by Edison as being the only one that will solve the aerial problem. Capt. Taft has a model which works successfully and there seems to be little doubt but what a large ship would be able to fill the bill in every particular. He has not patented his invention, for the simple reason that it would require a blanket-patent to cover fully the points involved and such a patent will not be allowed. Hence, he is willing for other airship builders to profit by his ideas.

The principle upon which Capt. Taft worked was away from the aeroplane, and was of the heliostatic airship type. He went upon the idea that suction propellers moving in a horizontal plane on vertical shafts would accomplish the end desired, and his model works to perfection. No sails are required and another big feature is the fact that no running start is necessary as with the aeroplane. The airship can arise from its original position and keep in the air as long as the propellers revolve. His model shows plainly how the airship works, save for the fact that being a very small model an engine cannot be placed in operation. Instead is used strong elastic bands to give brief power for the movement of the propellers and as long as this power lasts—in other words, as long as the propellers swing around—the airship keeps in the air. The model will rise directly from its position when the propellers begin to revolve and soar on high, keeping up until the power gives out. Of course, provided with an engine, the airship having a center platform for such engine, the power could constantly be maintained and the speed of the propellers regulated. Two, four or six propellers can be used, but by all means four would be the least required, as by experimenting Capt. Taft has found that should one set of propellers become disabled why the other two will keep the ship up as far as he has worked out the safety of the airship. The steering of the ship is simple, and is not regulated by a wheel, but simply by weight upon the center platform. The operator can regulate this by stepping from one side to the other, or with sandbags or any kind of weight, and Capt. Taft has found that the airship will go in the direction upon which side of the platform is the greatest weight and that regardless of the course of the wind.

The idea of this airship seems to coincide with Edison's, given out the other day and months after Capt. Taft had made his model and found it a success. Edison states that the heliostatic aeroplane is the only one that will solve the problem. Capt. Taft tried for a patent upon the principle of the suction propellers moving in a horizontal plane on vertical shafts, which is the meat of the invention, but the idea was too wide to permit of a patent being granted. Hence, he gave upon the idea, but he is willing to aid anyone who wishes to pursue the work and will gladly explain all points to them.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Indoor Game of Ball Tonight and First Men's Meeting Sunday.

The first indoor baseball game of the season at the Young Men's Christian Association building will take place tonight, the teams being the Vincibles and the Polcats, and this will be the initial contest of five championship games to be played by these two teams.

The first men's meeting for the winter months will be held by the Association Sunday afternoon commencing at 5 o'clock, and the speaker will be Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of Grace Methodist Church.

The Y. M. C. A. night school is progressing in fine manner. Already the enrollment is large and the work is being carried on with fine result. All who intend to attend the school are requested to enroll themselves as soon as possible.

MASS MEETING FRIDAY.

Sunday Schools of City to Have Important General Meeting at Southside Baptist Church.

The Sunday Schools of Wilmington will hold a mass meeting Friday night at Southside Baptist Church, the specific object being to enthrone the members and to show them plainly the need of Sunday School work. The meeting will be a decidedly profitable and interesting one, and a splendid program is now being prepared for the occasion.

The Grain Market.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Wheat opened firm and higher. Opening wheat, December, 100 3-8; corn, May, 64; oats, September, 48 3-8; pork, October, 15.35.

STRONGLY FAVOR THE BOND ISSUE

Other Citizens Declare for County's Progress

Many More Substantial Citizens Endorse the Good Roads Movement and State Emphatically That They Advocate and Will Vote for the Bond Issue—Wont You Help the City and County Prosper?

Pursuing its idea of yesterday The Dispatch had a representative to again today interview different citizens relative to the bond election to be held Thursday, and again came enthusiastic endorsement of the important issue and declarations of votes in favor of the election. Let the good work go on and let the people of New Hanover county roll-up a handsome majority Thursday for a continuance of the work that will make the city and county prosperous.

Heartily Favors the Bonds.

Mr. L. B. Rogers, of the well known D. L. Gore Company, expresses himself as heartily in favor of good roads and states that he is strongly in support of the present movement and will consequently cast his ballot Thursday for the issuance of the bonds.

Alderman Rathjen of Like M'nd, of Wilmington's most beloved citizens and a resident of the First Ward, declares unequivocally that he is both in favor of good roads and the \$50,000 bond issue. His vote will be cast Thursday for a continuance of the progress and prosperity of the community.

In connection with the discussion concerning the bond issue for road improvements, the following communication from George Rountree, a prominent member of the local bar, is both timely and valuable, and contains arguments which should be carefully considered by every voter who has the advancement and prosperity of the city and county at heart.

Mr. Editor: Is it not strange that every one admits, as indeed they must, not only the desirability but the great value of a system of good roads throughout the county and chiefly to the occupiers and owners of rural lands, and yet so many people are offering the bond issue upon such irrelevant and contradictory grounds?

Some say the roads are costing too much. I do not know, but certainly the weight of the evidence offered is against that contention, since the government expert gave in his testimony. But suppose that be true; that would be no reason for stopping the work; the remedy for that is to call to account the commissioners; electing others; or having the legislature appoint road commission.

Others say the commissions are building roads for private individuals. That would be disgraceful, and probably indictable, if true; but few believe it. Some are said to be offering it because they desire to show the State that this county cannot grow and prosper without the liquor tax! And yet some of the hottest opponents were rank prohibitionists!

Honest and reasonable men may certainly differ upon the desirability and practicability of prohibition, but we do not see how there can be two opinions on the proposition that our prosperity is not dependent upon the liquor business. But my purpose is simply to say we are compelled to go forward with the work—this county cannot permit the loss and waste which would follow a stoppage, as has been pointed out in this paper several times, and much the most economical way is to issue the bonds and provide for the payment of the interests and a sinking fund. Besides I have reason to believe that there will be a great and probably successful effort made to induce the next General Assembly to undertake a system of public road building throughout the State, in aid of and complementary to the work of the counties. What an advance in industrial and commercial prosperity the consummation of such a scheme would bring.

Truly yours,

GEO. ROUNTREE.

Alexander Sprunt & Son.

During the morning a Dispatch man interviewed Mr. W. H. Sprunt, of Alexander Sprunt & Son, which firm transacts practically as great volume of export business as any individual business house in the south, with the request that the position of the firm be stated with regard to the issuance of bonds for the improvement and maintenance of roads. Mr. Sprunt stated emphatically that his firm, as well as the Champion Compress Company, was

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TWO AGED LADIES

Entered Into Rest in this City Today—

Mrs. Ellen Giles Died at the Residence of Miss Matilda Eilers, and Mrs. Branchie M. Harper Passed Away at the Home of Her Son-in-Law, Mr. J. H. Piner—Both Funerals Will be Held Tomorrow.

Friends in the city of Mrs. Ellen B. Giles, the relict of the late John Giles will deeply regret to learn of her death, which occurred early this morning at the residence of Miss Matilda Eilers, at the corner of Fifth and Orange streets. Mrs. Giles had been in failing health for a long time, and during the past few days her condition grew so critical that it was seen her death was only a matter of a short while. Mrs. Giles was about 70 years of age and she had made her home in this city for a long number of years. She leaves no immediate relatives residing in Wilmington, other than Mr. Clayton Giles, Sr., who is a brother-in-law of the deceased lady. The funeral over the remains of Mrs. Giles will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Branchie A. Harper, the relict of the late J. H. Harper, will deeply regret to learn of her death which occurred this morning at 2 o'clock at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. J. H. Piner, No. 919 North Seventh street. Mrs. Harper had been ill for a number of weeks and her death resulted from a complication of diseases. She was in the 65th year of her age and had spent her entire life in this city. Mrs. Harper throughout her long and useful life was a consistent member of the Baptist church and her life was devoted to good works.

Mrs. Harper leaves three children, Messrs. L. Frank Harper, and G. F. Harper and Mrs. J. H. Piner, all of Wilmington, and the deep sympathy of many friends will be extended to the bereaved ones in the great loss they have sustained. The funeral over the remains of Mrs. Harper will be held tomorrow at 9 o'clock from the residence of Mr. Piner, to be conducted by Rev. J. H. Piner, pastor of the First Baptist Church and the interment will be made at Prospect Church, about seven miles from the city on the New Bern road.

MUSICAL COMEDY TONIGHT

Countess Olga Von Harfeldt in "A Daughter of America." Tonight the Academy will offer its first musical comedy of the season and the event will be a merry one. The Countess Olga Von Harfeldt, who scored so heavily in Wilmington last season in "The Little Duchess," will be seen in "A Daughter of America." A company of forty will support her and the production will be an elaborate one from a scenic standpoint, and the costumes will be fresh and beautiful.

AT THE BIJOU TODAY.

Two New and Sweet Films Offered for Today.

The Bijou today offers as its new features the two latest films, "The Two Models" and "Mrs. Toney's Suitors." Each is of most laughable type, telling a ludicrous story in jolly manner. The characters in the latter film are of quaint type.

MR. WILLIAM HOEFNER

Was Drowned Late Yesterday Afternoon in the Banks Channel.

William Hoefner, a white man about 50 years of age, employed for some years as a barber at the tontorial parlors of Mr. William Tenken, on Princess street, fell from the trestle of the Tidewater Power Company over the Banks Channel yesterday evening about 7 o'clock, and he was drowned before aid could reach him. Yesterday afternoon while the tide was running out Mr. Hoefner seated himself on the trestle and started to fish. The unfortunate man lost his balance and fell in the rushing waters below, a distance of about 10 feet.

Others on the trestle shouted to him to keep himself above the water until they could get a boat, as it would have been impossible for any one to have brought him from the sound by jumping from the trestle. When they were finally able to go to his assistance he had disappeared from view, having fallen on the inlet side of the trestle in water about 25 feet deep.

The deceased came to this city from New York about 2 years ago, and he was well liked for his genial disposition and unfailing good humor. He leaves a number of relatives in New York who have been notified of his tragic death.

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The up-to-date shoe establishment of Messrs. Peterson & Ruffs, on North Front street, has added another member to its already clever and capable staff of salesmen. The new-comer is Mr. J. W. Forlaw, an exceedingly affable gentleman and an experienced shoe-man. He is a most skilled fitter of footwear.

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