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PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN TAKING SHAPE.

The presidential campaign of 1908 is now on in earnest. Last week the Democratic State Convention of Nebraska, Bryan's home, and the Republican Convention of Ohio, Taft's home, were held and these gentlemen were respectively enthusiastically endorsed and platforms written which are reflections of their well known views. That Bryan will be the Democratic nominee and that Taft will lead the Republicans does not now admit of a reasonable doubt, and it may, with all reason, be said that the platforms written last week are harbingers of the Denver and Chicago platforms. As predicted in this column more than a month ago, they are similar in many respects. This puts the two parties squarely for reform and in the campaign the Republicans, having been for years in control of affairs, will have to fight on the defensive, and with a divided party, while the Democrats, with a reunited party, will have many advantages.

Though there is much in the platforms bearing a striking similarity there is a world of difference in the temperament of the parties and the two men who will lead them. Unwaveringly have Bryan and the majority of the Democratic party stood for these reforms for years, and the adoption of many of the principles by the Republicans is but the shadow cast before. If the country has come to regard them as right why should not those be entrusted to bring them about who have fought steadfastly for this accomplishment? This as to trust regulation and the punishment of corruption and dishonesty in high places, but on the question of the tariff, the old man of the sea hanging onto the backs of the great body of the people, the gulf between the two parties and candidates is as wide as space itself. No hope for tariff reform can be expected of the Republican party which owes its existence to this very thing, and all other evils pale into insignificance when compared to this legalized robbery of the many for the privileged classes. Might as well expect the condemned man to spring the trap for his own execution as to expect relief from the iniquitous tariff by Republican revision of it.

THE ANTI-PROHIBITION MOVEMENT.

The Record is not one of those disposed to ridicule or belittle the movement against State prohibition launched at Salisbury last week, nor to decry the men, who participated in the meeting, for it knows full well some of them at least are men of soberness, probity and honest motives. That was to have been expected, for when did a southern American ever yield without first letting his adversary feel the weight of his steel? And in the interest of temperance we welcome a square stand-up fight, having perfect faith in the outcome and that a full and free discussion of the issue will strengthen the cause of temperance, which of all things can stand the greatest amount of light. The educational effect of an open fight would be wholesome, and we believe, would do more to clarify the waters and make for effective and permanent prohibition than a hysterical campaign waged by friends of the cause against an enemy fighting under cover and resorting to dark ways.

From its vantage point prohibition can have no fear and the prohibitionist who argues that it can have little faith in his cause. Let us have a full, free and open campaign and then when State prohibition is triumphant on the 26th of May we will have a people fully alive to it and quickened for its enforcement.

Our news columns carry the story of the North Collinwood, O., horror, of the burning to death of nearly 200 school children. This is beyond compare in modern history, because the victims were children from 6 to 15 years of age. It was enough to wring tears from a heart of adamant, and how the bereaved ones could remain sane is a mystery.

The law in Virginia, recently passed by both branches of the assembly, substituting electrocution for hanging in capital offences also forbids publication of the harrowing details of the execution and requires it to be almost absolutely secret. Thus when a man is condemned to the death cell he is obliterated from life as completely as seems a snowflake in warm water, the horror of which fate will doubtless have a deterrent effect on the criminally inclined.

The Benson Spokesman, published at Benson, N. C., by Mr. R. E. Lee, was launched upon the uncertain sea of journalism last week and a copy of the paper found its way into our office. It is indeed a creditable sheet for a town no larger than Benson, and its advertising patronage shows the merchants are alive to the value of a newspaper in the community. We welcome The Spokesman to our exchange list and wish for it great success.

The Southern Railway Company's quarterly report for the last quarter of 1907 showing an increase in net intrastate earnings over the corresponding period of 1906 places that road in the position of having to answer some awkward questions when they insist on cutting wages of employees.

Does Governor Glenn's statement in a speech at Winston Saturday after Jan. 1, 1909, he would open a law office in that city bear any significance as to whether he has abandoned the idea of taking a shot at Senator Overman's place in the United States senate?

STATE NEWS.

State Treasurer B. R. Lacy has returned home from Arizona, where he went in search of health, and is much improved.

Hon. E. C. Beddingfield, a member of the corporation commission, announces that he will not be a candidate for reelection.

While out riding with her husband and baby Sunday afternoon Mrs. D. N. Wellborn, of High Point, pitched forward in the buggy, dead from heart failure.

The quarterly report of the Southern Railway for the last three months of 1907 shows an increase in intrastate earnings of more than \$50,000 over the last quarter of 1906.

At night, last week, the stables of Mrs. B. F. Eagles, at Crisp, was destroyed by fire and six mules, five horses and a yoke of oxen were cremated, besides a lot of feed burned.

In a forest fire along the A. & L. Railroad between Fayetteville and Wilmington Monday three negroes and a white man, who were fighting the flames, were fatally burned and much property damage was done.

Hon. E. J. Justice, speaker of the house of representatives of the last general assembly, has sent a letter to a friend in which he says he will not be a candidate for attorney general, this year.

After this week Governor Glenn will take ten days' recreation, spending his time in Washington, Philadelphia and New York. He takes the resting spell that he may the more vigorously enter the prohibition campaign.

Superintendent W. J. Hicks, of the Oxford Orphan Asylum will retire from that position as soon as his successor can be appointed. Col. A. C. Davis, of Goldsboro, and Mr. Leon Nash, of Winston-Salem, are mentioned for the place.

Owing to inability to collect outstanding notes the officers of the City National Bank, of Greensboro, have voluntarily decided to liquidate the affairs of the bank. The assets are \$800,000 and the liabilities about the same. Depositors will be paid in full.

In Toisnot township, Wednesday night, Turnage Page shot and killed his father S. Cad Page, in defence of his mother. The elder Page had been quarreling with his wife and drew a pistol on her when the son shot him dead in his tracks. The young man made no effort to escape.

D. Kirby Pope, assayer of the mint at Charlotte, a berth that pays a good salary, has resigned, alleging as his reason for so doing that he cannot stand State Chairman Adams, of the Republican executive committee. He is succeeded by W. S. Pearson, of Morganton.

Maurice Jeans, son of Atha Jeans, a farmer of Franklin county, was arrested and is in jail in default of \$6,000 bond, charged with stealing \$6,000 from his father, the parents of the young man being the prosecutors in the case. Jeans, the elder, had saved up a lot of money and instead of depositing it in a bank kept it hid away in his smokehouse, and it was stolen. It is believed the boy had confederates.

FOUGHT TO RETAIN FORMULA WHICH HAS MADE A FORTUNE

L. T. Cooper, the man who believes that per cent. of all ill health of this generation is caused by stomach trouble, is fast winning a national faith in his theory. His claim is now admitted by a surprising number of people throughout the country, and he is gaining new adherents every day.

While speaking of his success in a recent interview, Mr. Cooper said: "I believed ten years ago that any one who could produce a formula that would thoroughly regulate the stomach would have a fortune. When I got hold of this formula I knew within six months that I was right, and that my fortune was made. I called the medicine Cooper's New Discovery, although I did not get up the formula. I have owned it, however, for over three years. I have had one lawsuit over it, which I won in the courts. When it was settled The Cooper Medicine Company became the only firm in the world that can prepare the medicine. The preparation has sold like wildfire wherever introduced. As I have said before, it is successful simply because, it puts the stomach in perfect shape, then nature does the rest. There are any number of complaints never before associated with stomach trouble that the medicine has alleviated in thousands of cases."

Among statements obtained recently from users of this medicine that is arousing such universal discussion is one from Mrs. Emma Stanley, living in Chicago, at 713 Washington Boulevard, who said: "Perhaps I had the most complicated case that Mr. Cooper had to deal with. I was troubled for years with my stomach. I consulted with doctors and took many patent medicine preparations without result. My stomach was in such a wretched shape that I could not enjoy a meal that I ate."

"I was very nervous, and could hardly sleep; I had a roaring in my ears and dancing spots before my eyes. I felt very bad and weak. Then there was a very sore spot at the pit of my stomach that nearly set me wild."

"I heard about the Cooper medicine and decided to try it. I used four bottles, and the improvement in my case has been really wonderful. My nerves have been quieted, and I am so much improved that I feel like a new woman."

"I cannot say too much for these wonderful remedies, for they have made me well."

We sell the Cooper medicines and consider them well worth a trial by any one afflicted with chronic stomach trouble and its attendant diseases. -May & Gorham.

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121 North Main St.

Report of the condition of The Planters Bank, At Rocky Mount, N. C.

At Close of Business February 14th, 1908.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts,	\$189,017.66	Capital Stock paid in,	\$50,000.00
Overdrafts,	1,180.19	Surplus Fund	25,000.00
All other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages,	4,000.00	Undivided profits, less exp. & taxes paid,	18,023.39
Furniture and Fixtures,	4,874.34	Dividends unpaid	16.00
All other real estate owned	5,831.00	Deposits subject to check,	201,764.57
Demand Loans,	40,756.49	Cashier's Checks outstanding,	3,001.47
Due from Banks and Bankers,	10,974.36		
Cash Items,	3,225.00		
Gold Coin,	3.3		
Silver coin, including all minor coin	1.4		
National Bank notes and other U. S. notes,	10,687.00		
Building account	28,833.25		
Total	\$302,806.43	Total	\$302,806.43

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—COUNTY OF NASH.

I, J. W. Aycock, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. Aycock, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of February, 1908.

C. V. Brown, Notary Public.

Report of the condition of The Bank of Rocky Mount AT ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

At Close of Business, February 14, 1908.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and discounts,	\$252,081.13	Capital Stock,	\$ 100,000.00
Overdrafts,	752.79	Surplus Fund	25,000.00
All other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages,	4,000.00	Undivided profits, less exp. and taxes paid	16,311.18
Banking House, furniture and fixtures,	10,100.00	Dividends unpaid	63.00
All other Real Estate owned,	5,000.00	Notes and bills rediscouted	10,284.15
Demand loans	13,500.00	Deposits subject to check,	229,288.17
Due from Banks and Bankers,	68,449.06	Cashier's Checks outstanding,	1,133.76
Cash Items,	4,831.77	Certified Checks	380.61
Gold coin,	15.00		
Silver coin, including all minor coin	3,900.12		
National Bank Notes and other U. S. notes,	17,308.00		
Total	\$382,937.87	Total	\$382,937.87

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—COUNTY OF EDGECOMBE, ss:

I, L. F. TILLERY, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. F. Tillery, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24th day of February, 1908.

Edward Batchelor, Notary Public.

My commission expires Jan. 11th, 1909

Correct—Attest:
Thos. H. Battle,
S. L. Arrington,
D. J. Rose,
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Report of Condition of First National Bank

At Rocky Mount, N. C.,
At the close of business Feb. 14, 1908

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts,	\$46,075.39	Capital Stock paid in,	\$25,000.00
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	.80	Surplus fund	1,500.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	25,010.00	Undivided Profits, less expenses and taxes paid:	167.77
Premium on U. S. Bonds,	1,721.91	National Bank Notes Outstanding,	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures,	1,923.85	Individual deposits subject to check,	50,304.04
Supplies,	497.68	Cashier's Checks Outstanding,	22.40
Due from National Banks,	8,858.00		
Due from State Banks and Bankers,	1,720.85		
Due from approved reserve agents,	1,636.03		
Checks and other Cash Items,	252.62		
Notes of other National Banks,	2,500.00		
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents,	1,708.13		
Specie	6,547.90		
Legal-tender Notes 2 500.00	9,047.90		
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas. 5 per cent of circulation	1,250.00		
Total	\$102,219.21	Total	\$102,219.21

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—COUNTY OF EDGECOMBE.

I, Paul R. Capelle, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Paul R. Capelle, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of Feb., 1908.

C. W. Coghill, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
F. Y. Ramsey,
Jos. B. Ramsey,
S. P. Hilliard,
Directors.