

BILL ARPS' LETTERS.

Atlanta Constitution.

Now you young people, girls and boys, excuse me for telling you a story about the old times.

"I have received your letters, but they were a long time on the way. If you had sent them round by Atlanta and Marietta and Roswell I would have gotten them sooner.

"P. S.—As for that account of last year, which you say has run a long time—as the boy said to the molasses, just let her run.

I wonder if our young people know who was our first postmaster general? He was the postmaster general before the revolution and was turned out by King George because he was suspected of being a rebel and his name was Benjamin Franklin.

Horse-whipped the Mayor. TOPEKA, Kan., March 24.—Miss Blanche Boise, an alleged protégée of Mrs. Carrie Nation, horsewhipped Mayor Parker in his office at the City Building today.

One Man Buys 1,000,000 Stamps. A record-breaking sale of postage stamps is reported by the Chicago Post Office. The sale was 1,000,000 stamps, of which the purchaser gave a check for \$25,000.

Good News. Stage Manager—Mr. Heavy, you will take the part of Alonzo. Mr. Heavy—I have never seen this play. Do you think I can please the audience in that part? Stage Manager—Immensely. You die in the first act.

postage had to be paid at the end of the line it was pretty hard to receive a disagreeable letter and have to pay for it.

Chairman Simmons on the Situation. News and Observer. Complying with the request recently made by the editor of this paper for a statement concerning the subjects likely to be considered by the executive committee at its meeting in this city on the 25th, and the reason for calling the committee at this early day, as well as his views in regard to the prospects of the party in the State and nation, Senator Simmons has favored us with the following statement:

"It is believed that a long canvass this year will not be necessary nor desirable. Probably the canvass can be made during the months of September and October, with a little irregular speaking during August.

"Secondly: It is deemed highly important that there should be some consultation with reference to the method of selecting the candidate for the Senator for the Western district, in view of the fact that there are many advocates of the plan of nomination by the State Convention.

"The other subject suggested to me an early meeting of the committee is that of the payment of poll tax. Under the amendment, it is well known that one who does not pay his poll tax by the first of May cannot vote in November.

A ten-year-old girl of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Standinger, of Westbrook's townships, met her death in a very unusual, as well as a very sad manner, on Thursday, March 16th.

A daring and most unusual kind of hold-up occurred near here, 16 miles north of Greenville, last night. A wagoner named Cripple was hauling a load of merchandise for New Moore, of Hayesville, N. C.

Washington and Roosevelt. Ex-Congressman John S. Wise, of Virginia, now of this city, is a warm personal friend of the President Roosevelt.

STATE NEWS.

The special train of President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, made the 90-mile run on the 24th from New York to Jersey City in 77 minutes.

The largest consignment of eggs that ever passed through Salisbury was recorded at Spencer last Sunday when 18 cars loaded with hen fruit passed through enroute to New York.

Contrary to the Southern conception, Senator Hanna is so trusted by laboring men that he is frequently called upon to arbitrate for them—being selected to represent their side of a controversy.

Little Edith, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Nolan an employee of the Charlotte Cotton Mills, was killed by a street car in Charlotte Monday evening.

Representatives of the Greensboro, Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Burlington Fair Associations have arranged the following schedule of dates for the fair next fall: Winston-Salem, October 7-11; Burlington, October 14-17; Greensboro, October 21-24.

The Lighthouse Board has reported against the proposal of Albert F. Ellis, a Boston engineer, to erect a lighthouse on the shifting sands of Diamond Shoal, Cape Hatteras.

A Little Child Meets Death in an Unusual Manner. Clinton Democrat. A ten-year-old girl of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Standinger, of Westbrook's townships, met her death in a very unusual, as well as a very sad manner, on Thursday, March 16th.

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One Million Letters Consumed in Wreck. WASHINGTON, March 24.—Every southerner in Washington believes he had important if not valuable letters or papers in the mass of mail that burned yesterday in the wreck on the Southern.

DREAMING OF THE LIGHT.

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I dream'd of de light, In de hills de gittin' bright; Er de angels bresh'd 'em er dey pass'd wid wings of white.

WATERSON'S "BOAST." Received Recently Donated to Virginia Democrats. The biennial banquet of the Virginia Democratic Association, held in Washington recently there were present Democrats of national prominence and nearly all of the political leaders and Democratic members of Congress from the Old Dominion.

There is no drop of blood in my veins which is not Virginia blood. Although for purposes of my own, having a deep desire beneath them, I chose this capital of the nation for my birthplace, my earliest vision of paradise—the very dawn of all my conceptions of honor and duty and glory—nestled among yonder hills across the Potomac, and when I go hence my ashes shall repose upon the bosom of Kentucky, Virginia's first-born and fairest daughter.

"We are Democrats. We love our country. Our hearts beat true to its institutions. We would rescue the Government from the hands of those who are converting it into a government of the trusts, for the trusts and by the trusts, and restore it to the hands of those who will have some regard for the rights of the people.

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