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## A Novel Political Campaign.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 30.—The political campaign now in progress in this State is absolutely novel in all respects. Never before has there been a campaign leading up to a vote by the whole people on the question of negro disfranchisement. Another odd feature is that while a great many Democrats are wrought up to fever heat over the great issue and devote much of their time to ardent discussion and support of the constitutional amendment, there are others who discuss it in the coldest and most dilettante manner. Thus there are both fire and water in the party and one centralizes the other. The effort of the working Democrats is to arouse these cold-blooded members of their party and also to awake to the full sense of the situation the rural white voters who have been told by the Republicans that they, if illiterate, will be disfranchised. The Republicans have with much adroitness scattered widely these seeds of doubt. They profess to count quite largely on Democratic disaffection even in the eastern counties. It is safe to predict a relatively light negro vote. The white Republicans publicly tell the negroes to stand back, that the white voters will settle this great question. The parties, and there are nominally three—Democratic, Republican and Populist—are actively campaigning. The Populist leaders are fighting the franchise amendment as earnestly as the Republicans, as there is a complete understanding between these two parties. All this gives a perfectly frank statement of the big fight the Democrats have on their hands. They have to go over and over the ground, and will necessarily be compelled to keep up that work until the very day of the election, in August. The Republicans have more than five thousand persons at work in the State. They are making a house-to-house canvass. Never before was there such a fight in any State.

## Republicans for the Amendment.

Charlotte News.  
A large proportion of the brains and respectability of the Republican party in this State is ranged on the side of the amendment. Here is only a partial list of those who are strongly in favor of the amendment:  
Hon. Thomas Settle, former Republican congressman from the fifth District.  
Prof. Alex McIver, of Chatham, for thirty years one of the leading men of the party.  
Maj. Joshua B. Hill, of Raleigh, former Republican U. S. marshal.  
E. V. Cox, of Pitt, former Republican member of Legislature.  
Hon. Thomas M. Argo, the leading Republican member of the Raleigh bar.  
A. A. Campbell, of Cherokee, former Republican member of the House.  
Hon. Thomas P. Devereaux, one of Raleigh's leading lawyers.  
James B. Mason, the most prominent Republican in Chapel Hill.  
Joseph Perry, a well known Republican of Moore county.  
D. A. Bitting, well-known Republican of Rural Hall.  
Hon. James A. Crisp, Republican chairman of Caldwell county and nominee for the House.  
Hon. Charles H. Mcbane, Republican State Superintendent of Public Instruction.  
These are only a few names culled at random from the scores who have announced that they would support the amendment.  
These are all life-long Republicans, prominent in that party, but have too much patriotism to allow their prejudices to cause them to oppose so important and beneficial a measure as the amendment.  
There are thousands of other white Populists and Republicans who will follow their examples.

## STATE NEWS.

Capt. John A. Ramsay, who was nominated by the Republicans at Lexington on June 23rd for the Senate has withdrawn his name and made way for the Populists.  
The Greensboro Telegram says a local Republican leader in Jamestown township, Guilford county, who was opposed to the amendment, has decided to support it. He was convinced that the measure was right by reading anti-amendment literature sent him by the Republicans.  
Dr. E. O. Elliot, proprietor of the Sparkling Catawba Springs, died at his home there on June 30 of heart failure. He seemed to be in good health at 1 o'clock, but about two he died suddenly. He was a prominent citizen and had accumulated considerable wealth. He was about 85 year olds.  
Rowan Republicans and Populists have fused with the following ticket: For the House, Henry M. L. Agner and B. Allen Knox; register, Jenkins A. Beaver; treasurer, Chas. P. Shuping; surveyor, J. C. Bernhardt; commissioners, W. L. Klutz, Jas. R. Crawford, T. M. Kerns, W. C. Rose, Abner Hall. The offices of sheriff and coroner were left open for independents. Klutz, Crawford and Kerns, nominees for commissioner, say they are Democrat, and have declined the nomination.

## HIS WIFE'S ICY STARE.

Why It Was Taken on and How It Was Banished.  
He is a prominent lawyer in this city. His daughter is 7 years of age and walked to the gate with him one day last week. The little girl kissed her hand to him until he turned the corner. He returned the salutation each time. That night when he came home his wife had an icy stare for him. He wanted to know the trouble, but she only answered, "Nothing." Any question from him received a short, sharp "yes" or "no."  
After supper she called him into another room and said: "Mr. —, Mrs. —, our next-door neighbor, was over to see me this afternoon. She informed me of your conducting when you walked down the street, throwing kisses after her. She said her husband was not at home or he would shoot you. Will you please invent some plausible excuse that I can give to my neighbor to explain away your reprehensible conduct?"  
He was up against the knottiest proposition of his life. He thought long and hard, and finally the light dawned upon him. He rushed frantically out of the room and returned with his beloved child in his arms. "Daughter," he said, "please tell your mother what you and papa were doing after dinner today."  
"We was throwing kisses at each other until pap turned the corner."  
So quickly was the prosecution dismissed and in such a convincing manner that the lawyer swooned away when he thought of his narrow escape. Suppose the child had forgotten the occurrence! There would have been a hot time in town that night. But there's a decided coolness now between the two women.—Owensboro Messenger.

## Love at First Sight.

Believers in the possibility of love at first sight may feel a sympathetic interest, and perhaps find a Darwinian argument, in a story of the first meeting of two apes in the London zoo. We retell the tale from "Wild Animals in Captivity."  
Sarah was seated alone in her cage when a new ape made his appearance in front of the bars. Instantly both animals uttered short cries, and, bending toward each other, protruded their thin lips until they met across the bars of the cage. Then, as the keeper threw open the cage door, the apes rushed into each other's arms and, squatting on the floor, hugged each other with comic affection. In a few seconds they rose, and, standing erect, raised their arms above their heads, grasped each other's front paws and screamed and howled in mutual appreciation.  
Let us hope that they lived happy ever after.

As to the Contrariety of Barbers.  
"Every barber on earth," said the observant man, "has one habit that drives me to drink. He gets you nicely lathered up, strops a razor carefully and then makes one sweep with the blade across your face. Then he looks at you inquiringly and suspends operations while he asks, 'Razor suit you, sir?' If you answer yes, he always turns around and strops the razor two or three times, or else he promptly changes the blade. Why he should do either when you say you are satisfied I cannot fathom. Lately I have always said that the razor did not suit, and in nearly every case the barber kept serenely at work with the same razor. I might add that that's the reason that I am now shaving myself."—New York Sun.

## Band to Kill.

A story is being told of a country doctor who was going his rounds one morning with a gun on his shoulder. He was a keen sportsman and was looking forward to polishing off a little game when his professional duties were over. A friend meeting him and seeing him with the gun exclaimed: "Where are you going, doctor, so early in the day with that deadly weapon on your shoulder?" "I'm hurrying off to see a patient," he replied.  
"Well," said his friend, "I see you are determined not to miss him."

## The Old, Old Story.

"There is one story which every woman has told so often that she believes it herself."  
"What is that?"  
"The story about some rich man whom she could have married."—Boston Traveler.  
If two men engage in a controversy and ask you to settle it, don't do it; one of them is bound to jaw you instead of the other man.—Aitchison Globe.

The ordinary folding fan was invented in the seventh century by a Japanese artist, who derived the idea from watching a bat closing its wings.

Judge Robinson is reported by The Topic as having said to solicitor Harshaw, while in Lenoir last Monday, that they were "gnawing their last bone." Did he mean that the scepter is about to depart from the North Carolina Republicans? We so understand. Judge Robinson is a candid talker and if he believes that his party is to lose the State this year he is the man to say so.

## THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

Baltimore Sun, 2nd.  
The Chinese Government holds that the state of war which now exist between the Empire and the Powers was caused by the aggressions of the allied European nations. According to a dispatch received by the Chinese Minister at Washington from his government, the demand of the Powers that the forts at Taku be turned over to them was regarded at I-kin as a threat of invasion. Consequently the foreign ministers at Peking were notified of the action of the allies and "requested" to leave the Chinese capital. They declined to go, however. Minister Wu's dispatch was dated June 19. On June 17 the Taku forts were stormed and many Chinese regulars were killed by the Europeans. It also appears that the international force commanded by Admiral Seymour encountered no resistance from Chinese troops until after the Taku forts had been bombarded and carried by assault. Up to that time Seymour had been fighting Boxers only, but after the first formal act of war by the allies the Chinese Government ordered its troops to repel the invaders. Admiral Kempff, who commanded the American warships at Taku, took no part in the attack upon the forts, so it will appear that the United States cannot be charged with participating in the act which led to the war between the Chinese Empire and the European powers. It is true American marines have been landed and constituted a part of the international force which went to the relief of Tientsin. In view of the alarming reports concerning the massacre of foreigners in that city by Boxers and the destruction of their property, the Administration was probably justified in uniting with the other powers for the protection of foreigners at Tientsin. That is altogether different from participation in an attack upon Chinese forts garrisoned by Chinese soldiers. The seizure of the Taku forts may have been necessary in order to secure the relief of Tientsin, but it was a high-handed procedure nevertheless, and it is not surprising that the Chinese Government should have regarded it as an act of war. Admiral Kempff seems to have displayed excellent judgment in refusing to take part in the assault upon Taku.

It is now stated, on the authority of the British consul at Chefoo, that all the legations at Peking have been burned except those of Great Britain, France and Germany. If the American legation has been destroyed, either by Boxers or Chinese soldiers, the Chinese Government may expect an emphatic demand for reparation from Washington. The British consul at Chefoo also states that the German Minister, Baron von Ketteler, was killed on June 18 by native troops, while on his way to the Chinese foreign office at Peking. This seems to confirm the reports cabled from Shanghai nearly two weeks ago. The murder of the diplomatic representative of a powerful country like Germany is a very serious matter, as China will discover when the German Government takes action.

## Two Hundred Dead.

New York, July 1.—It is believed that about 200 lives were lost and 300 persons were injured in a great fire at the piers of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company at Hoboken, N. J., which broke out at 3 P. M. yesterday and was still burning throughout Sunday night.  
The fire started among cotton bales from an unknown cause. In less than 15 minutes it covered an area a quarter of a mile long, extending outward from the actual shore line to the bulkheads, from 600 to 1,000 feet away. It caught four great ocean liners and a dozen or more smaller harbor craft in its grasp. Three of the big ships are in ruins.  
Most of the dead made their homes in Germany and had no relatives in this country.

## A Libel on Mr. Aycock.

Charity and Children.  
A falsehood has been printed and scattered through Davidson county that Mr. C. B. Aycock, one of the candidates for Governor, is a common drunkard. It is shameful that anybody will resort to means as base as this to advance his own or anybody else's interests. There are issues enough in this campaign without straight out lying. Mr. Aycock is a Christian gentleman of high character, a member of our church in Goldsboro and a man of piety and zeal. Of course this will be construed by partisans as an attempt to bolster up the candidate of the Democratic party because of his politics, but whoever makes this claim will be guilty of another falsehood. Mr. Aycock is a Baptist, and we will not see him slandered without a protest; and if this be treason let the most be made of it.

## Got Rid of the Widow.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., June 2.  
Mrs. A. A. Smith, a widow, who efficiently filled the position of clerk in the revenue office here for nearly eight years was notified today that no allowance had been made for her salary after June 30th, and as no charge could be brought against her, this plan was devised to give her place, which pays one thousand dollars a year, to a Republican.

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## A Sizing up of Butler.

Charlotte Observer.  
Our Home, Populist paper of Marshville, Union county, has as its leading editorial this week a review of the career of Senator Butler, in which, after paying high tribute to his record in the Senate as an exponent of the views of his party, it says:  
"In 'machine' politics, however, Senator Butler was to a great extent lost an influence which was at one time more powerful than that of any other man in the State. If he had led his forces in the right way we believe he would have to-day yielded an influence greater than ever. But he has fused the People's party with first one old party and then the other (and at one time with both the old parties at the same time) until thousands who were once his faithful followers have lost faith in his leadership. And still he goes merrily onward, addressing local Republican conventions or Populist conventions as the case may be. Instead of pressing the fight against all forms of monopoly in North Carolina, as all Populists would like to do, he has accepted the battle-ground selected by Democratic leaders and has joined the local Republicans in their campaign against the amendment—a mistake as grievous as his defeat will be next fall. If the People's party of this State were now officially conducting a campaign against monopoly Mr. Butler would know where to find all true Populists, but with everything else eliminated but the negro question he will find the most of them supporting the amendment."  
Observant men, who are anything of judges of human nature, have known all the while that the day would come when this man would be found out by those whom he has tricked and betrayed. They have found him out and have washed their hands of him. He is dead and done for. It is well.

What is known as the "Jim Crow" car law, providing for the separation of whites and blacks on railway trains, went into operation in Virginia on the 2nd and so far, seems to be working smoothly. No trouble is reported on the lines centering in Richmond.

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## Prohibitionist Say Very Plain Things About McKinley.

CONVENTION HALL, CHICAGO, June 28.—The attendance at the Prohibition National Convention today was much larger than yesterday. The platform, as reported, was devoted to but one issue. A woman suffrage plank was added by the convention. It denounces the liquor power as the greatest of all trusts, and declares that it controls both the Republican and Democratic parties. President McKinley was bitterly denounced.  
"We charge on President McKinley, who was elected to his high office by appeals to Christian sentiment and patriotism almost unprecedented, and by a combination of moral influences never before seen in this country, that by his conspicuous example as a wine drinker at public banquets and as a wine-serving host in the White House, he has done more to encourage the liquor business, to demoralize the temperance habits of young men and to bring Christian practices and requirements into disrepute than any other president this republic has had."  
"We further charge upon President McKinley responsibility for the army canteen, with all its dire brood of disease, immorality, sin and death, in this country, in Cuba, in Porto Rico and in the Philippines, and we insist that by his attitude concerning the canteen and his apparent contempt for the vast number of petitions and petitioners protesting against it he has outraged and insulted the moral sentiment of this country in such a manner and to such a degree as calls for its righteous upbraiding and its indignant and effective rebuke."

## A Shut Down for Fall River Mills.

FALL RIVER, MASS., July 3.—The cotton manufacturers' selling committee, of this city, voted to-day to recommend to the manufacturers a shut down of the mills for four weeks between this date and September 1st, at the option of each manufacturer. It is understood that 1,000,000 spindles are represented in the agreement already reached to curtail.

Kinston has a freak in the way of a negro bicycle rider. He became so accustomed to riding without using the handle bars that he has discarded them altogether.

The Scotland Neck correspondent of the Raleigh Post says that some weeks ago the little girl of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Parks, who live near Tillery, became ill from sucking down her throat part of a peanut which she was eating. After a violent fit of coughing she slept but awoke with a fever, and grew worse until she died last week.

It's a poor road that will allow a bicycle to indulge in mud-slinging.

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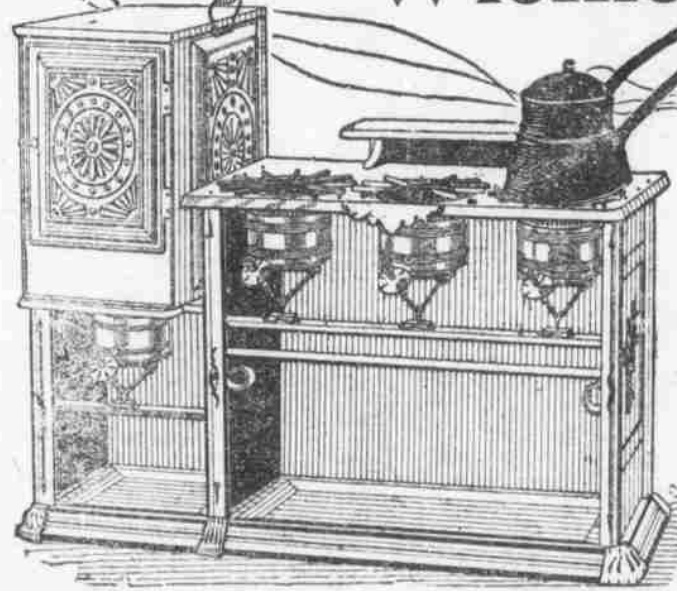
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