

# **UNCLE JOE, 76, STILL YOUNG**

"Uncle Joe" Cannon celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday at Washington the other day under a cloud of grief.

The night before he exultantly announced that he was going to observe the day by dissipating wildly. A circus was in town and he was going to take the afternoon and, if necessary, the evening off and so to see the lions and tigers and the hippograffe and the seautiful lady acrobats and the hairraising trapezists.

Instead of that he went meekly up to the home on Congressman Weeks, of Massachusetts, with his daughter and spent the evening decorously

"Thought you were going to the circus," a reporter said to him.

"I was," said Uncle Joe, "but it rained. And in the course of seventyfive-I mean seventy-six-years of quiet and irreproachable life I have found that whenever it rains and I go to a circus I always get wet.

"The people around me seem to be dry and happy. I always get that wet spot and am miserable. If seventy-five years-I should say seventy-sixteach a man anything, it must be to profit by experience.

"It has taken me seventy-five years to learn anything, but now that I'm seventy-six I have learned this lesson, if not any other, and I have just sense enough not to go.

"So I'm up here at John Weeks', with Mrs. Weeks and my daughter, and I've missed the circus, but I'm happy and I'm not damp."

"I suppose you got a lot of congratulations?"

"Yes," said the ex-speal er, reflectively. "Quite a number of people came up to me and congratulated me on being a year nearer the grave. Funny thing to congratulate a man on. Don't you think so? But they meant it kindly.

"How does it feel to be seventy-six?"

"I don't notice any perceptible difference," said Uncle Joe, taking his eigar out for the first time and pondering. "I'm very well, but I was very well yesterday. I suppose I'm seventy-six because everybody tells me so, but I'm not throwing my hat up about it, and at the same time, son, I'm not weeping about it."



change in her political dealings with Morocco, by the signing of a treaty with the Sultan, Mulla-Abd-el-Hafid, establishing a French protectorate. France has had much experience in the government of the North African countries, which line the Mediterranean from Tripoli to the Atlantic ocean. and the decision to leave the government nominally in native hands is a wise one. It is evidently based on the success of her peaceful conquest of Tunis where the externals of Arab rule have been preserved. In Algeria. on the other hand, where the administration is directly and openly French, her domination aroused the bitter jealousy and hostility of the natives who saw in the elimination of their native rulers a threatened subversion of the Mahommedan religion. with the result that France has had to maintain her footing by rigorous

military rule. Mulia Hafid, the present Sultan and nominal ruler of Morocco, is known to his subjects as the Prince of True Believers and is the thirty-sixth lineal descendant of All, uncle and son-in-law of the Prophet Mahomet. He revolted against his brother, the Sultan Mulia Aziz, in 1907, and his usurpation of the throne was recognized by the powers in January, 1909. He is a learned and devoted adherent of islamism and has written several books on theology and philology.

# GOV. WEST TRUSTS CONVICTS The only honor lacking in the aver-

Origin is Believed to Have Been Rats -Salisbury's Volunteer Fire Department Lost Much Time Getting To gether and Fire Gained Headway. Salisbury .-- Fire totally wrecked the Meroney Theatre building and the Salisbury Evening Post outfit, together with the J. B. Doub job printing establishment, likewise greatly damaging a meat market and some contiguous places of business. The fire broke out at four o'clock and as Salisbury has only a volunteer department which lives well scattered

over the city ,the blaze had gained great headway before it was reached. The men were powerless against it. The interior filled with paper and inflammable stuff, burned like hay and the old building, with its great windows and dry interior timbers had a fire too hot for fighting comfort.

ALSO WENT.

The loss has been placed above \$50,000 with much less than that in- colored, two months ago. surance. The greatest damage is to H. Clay Grubb, owner of the old theatre as well as the new one, which bears the name of Meroney. The destroyed building was erected in the year 1893 by Dr. J. Leroy Meroney, who had all of the theatricals in it until he opened his handsome new one to the public in 1905. This one was sold to Mr. Grubb.

Along with the destruction of the building and the newspaper plant went the cable which connects with North Main street and Spencer. By that misfortune more than nine hundred instruments are out of commission and communication over the city and outside is hard. From what can be gathered, the Post will be rebuilt upon a larger scope, putting in new linotypes and a new press. It has long contemplated this change and it is made necessary now. It had one machine and a small press. It is learned here that the paper

will issue in some form Monday, though it will be crippled for many weeks. The publishers were J. X. Roueche and C. N. Brown, who have been partners many years.

### State Firemen's Association.

Spencer.-The North Carolina Fire ville July 23 to 25 inclusive, and the Spencer fire department will be rep resented by a full deelgation of railroad men. J. D. McNeill, former mayor of Fayetteville, is president; R. C. Taylor, of Winston-Salem, treasurer, and John W. Miller, of Concord, secretary of the state organization. Prizes will be offered this year on the same basis as formerly. President McNeill announces for the information of the six threads to the inch and 80 pounds of water will be located on the left

side of the track.

convention of Granville county instructed solidly for Woodrow Wilson or president

LOSS IS FIFTY THOUSAND Elkins .-- The fruit crop in this sections shows prospects of being the largest in years. The cherry trees are so heavily loaded with fruit that

the limbs are breaking down with their own weight. Troy .- A little negro, boy eight

years old got hold of a pistol and placing it at the back of his threeyear-old brother pulled the trigger. The ball went entirely through the

body of the boy, and he will die. Asheville,-The Buncombe county Democratic convention was held here and the candidates for the various county offices who received the highest number of votes in the primaries a week ago were ratified.

Webster.-Locke Craig was unani mously endorsed by rising vote. All state officers without opposition endorsed. Underwood two-thirds, Wilson one-third. County vote delegates uninstructed as to others.

for fifteen hours the jury brought in President are: a verdict of murder in the second deshot down and killed Hardie Brandon.

Jefferson .- Those who have visited Jefferson will doubtless remember that through the center of the main street of the town there is a row of cherry trees and when the season "hits" with this delicious fruit, cherries are free to any and every one that will take the time to gather them Asheville.-After mature considera-

tion of the matter the board of education of this county has decided that the people are not sufficiently interested in the proposition to vote a special school tax of 30 cents on the \$100 for the whole county at this time. consequently the board will not now ask the county commissioners to call the election.

Durham.---R. Tonkle and his brother, A. Tonkle, two merchants of this city, were arrested on the charge of using the United States\_mail with intent to defraud a jobbing house in Baltimore. They were arrested after an investigation of Postal Inspector F. Chester, and Commissioner W. Skinner put them upder a bond of \$300 each for their appearance at the preliminary hearing June 11.

Favetteville,-John Davis, Temple Ravger and John Rayner, three white men, have been placed in jail here men's Association meets at Fayettte in connection with the death of Nell Smith who was found unconscious near the home of K. Rayner in Seven ty-First township. The finding of the coroner's jury has not been made public. It was presented to the grand jury of the superior court now in seasion here.

Kinston .- According to belated re ports received here, Ernest and Tobe Duggin, two negro boys aged sixteen and seven years, were struck and infiremen of the state that hydrants with stantly killed by lightning near Littlefield, Pitt county. The boys, who had been working a field, fled from the approaching storm, and were about to enter their home when they were

Construction of Road Has Setback. stricken, both by the same bolt, in swept the business section of this



The Officers and Men of the American Warships Will Be Hosts to the Vis-Iting Seamen-To Dine at White House

Washington.-The German naval division, which is in American waters to return the visit to Kiel a year ago of the first division of United States Atlantic fleet will be formally welcomed at Hampton Roads by President Taft in behalf of the government and people of the United States. Mr. Taft and his party left Washington Winston-Salem .- After deliberating on board the Mayflower. With the

Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, gree against Tom Burris, a negro, who Sr., of Cincinnati; Miss Mabel Boardman, Count Von Bernstorff, the German amhassador and the Secretary of the Navy. Also on board the Mayflower as aides to the President are Admiral Charles J. Badger, U. S. N.; Maj. T. L. Rhoades, U. S. N., and Lieut. John W. Timmons, U. S. A. While the Secretary of the Navy has as his aides, Capt. Templin M. Potts, U. S. N., and Lieut. Commander L. C. Palmer, H. S. N.

When the Mayflower steams into Hampton Roads a presidential salute of twenty-one guns will be fired by both the German and American war ships. The salute having been returned by the Mayflower, President Taft will then go aboard the Moltke to formally welcome the visiting sailors. The return call will be made by the German officers and the presidential party later in the day will start back to Washington.

The officers and men of the American warships will be hosts at Hampton Roads to the officers and men of the visiting men of war. The German officers will leave for Washington on a specially chartered steamer. Upon their arrival here official visits will be exchanged and will be followed by a luncheon at the German embassy to which a hundred guests have been invited. The officers also will call on President and Mrs. Taft and will be their dinner guests.

Refugees From Mexico Landed. San Francisco.-Back from her relief trip from the west Mexican coast, the army transport Buford landed 160 refugees. A committee of citizens was at the wharf to care for the strangers. W. S. Hunt, manager of a plantation of ten thousand acres in the Cullacan valley, said the rebels hold everything from the California boundary to Guatemala except the garrisons at Guayamas, Matatlan, Acapula and Salina Cruz.

Disastrous Fire at Lauderdale. Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-Fire which



DANGER IN THE WIND

OREST land in Maryland, which is now of not much practical use, may soon be made to re-horns and hides are also valuable, and turn an indirect revenue as a the net return from one animal would, feeding ground for domentic be \$150 or more.

American elk, white talled deer, "Deer and elk become very tame red deer, fallow deer, roebuck or when kindly treated and giv other members of the deer fam- salt or corn from the hand. when kindly treated and given a little

This condition is contingent "An important fact is that the bush upon the passage of a bill by the ness can be engaged in by the small-Maryland state legislature authorizing est land owner with very little equipthe raising and selling of these deer ment, while it is also capable of extension if capital is available. One in enclosed preserves by the owners. hundred and sixty acres can be fenced of tracts of forest land. for \$200 for elk and slightly more for

The idea is to raise deer for the market, and as there is fine feeding deer. Even in a paddock, with shelter and food, the business can be success and plenty of it on the cut-over for fully prosecuted. "In and around the Yellowstone est lands of the state, much of which

may readily be enclosed with wire fences, and as the fiesh is good eating park there are some 30,000 ella Their Bummer range is in the mountains, but and good prices may be commanded at the beginning of winter they seek for it, there is every indication that, the plains where they formerly found if the bill passes the legislature, the ample food to carry them through the project will prove successful. winter. In recent years most of this

The plan originated with Mr. William M. Ellicott of Baltimore who has land has been taken up by farmera hunted big game in the United States, and the elk find it fenced and hay-Mexico and Canada and who has been interested in learning of conditions in Europe where the markets are well supplied with venison and other game from private preserves and breeding establishments. He is enthusiastically in favor of the plan and is doing what he can to secure the passage of the

ily.

"Meager appropriations have recently been made by State of Wyoming to feed them, but this has not proved altogether successful and there is still untold suffering and waste. It has been suggested that some of these elk

in this way.

stacks guarded and there is nothing

to save them from starvation. Im-

mense numbers have miserably died

Mr. Ellicott in talking of the pro-posed law said: "At first sight this or put on private estates where they interest, but when it is realized that will be cared for. Divided up among the data the data the states they would soon become a the deer as a wild animal has become practically extinct in Maryland and practically extinct in Maryland and that only occasionally is venison seen and are practically useless. in our markets, and this at almost prohibitive prices, it will be clear that a great benefit may be conferred upon they will be set at liberty on pre-they will be set at liberty on preof commercial importance, heretofore unknown in the state, may be established if it becomes a law. "The deprivation of the public in the matter of venison as a part of the regular dietary is altogether unnecessary and unreasonable. While wild game should be amply protected and means provided for its propogation, it has been amply proved that a large population cannot be kept supplied from that source, and it is reasonable license from the state game warden. 76.9 per cent compared with 83.8 per and proper that states where it exists



age criminal is that which is wrenched from him by incivility, distrust and inhumanity. Extend to a convict the courtesy, confidence and trust due him as a man and he will respond with more honor than the average person who has never seen the bars, the dungeon or the dismal gray walls of a penitentiary."

Basing his action on this bit of philosophy, Gov. Oswald West of Oregon recently threw open the barred doors of the Oregon state penitentiary and turned more than 200 convicts out into the inviting forests and fields to serve the remainder of their terms without guards, stripes, chains or stockades.

With one sweep the dungeon, the dark cell, the striped suits, the ball and chain and the gallows were wined out as unnecessary parts of the institution and in their stead was established a unique and revolutionary

honor system. Since the first wholesale liberation convicts have been added to the list as they have proven eligible until the total number today is about 500. Honor is the only guard over fifteen convict camps which are maintained permanently in various parts of the state, in some cases many miles from the dingy walls of the prison, and in all cases in the forests where the only effort required to make an escape is to leisurely disappear.

On every side are hiding places where detection by the officers would be difficult if they learned of the escape before the convict had time to reach any of the cities of the northwest where chances for permanent escape would be good.

Out of the fifteen convict camps in which are now about 300 men one half are so far from the state prison that the convicts are not required to report in at night. In some cases the entire camp could desert and the officials would not know about it for two or three days. But Governor West has too much confidence in yeggmon, burglars, holdup men, murderers and sneak thieves to believe that they would break the pledges which they make sneak thieves to stand

The men are engaged in building roads, oprating rock quarries and

# VICE-PRESIDENT OF BIG SHOW



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ma Canal, was one of a spe-



the Elkin & Alleghany Railroad had a considerable setback through one of the heaviest rainfalls that the Elkin Roaring Gap section of Western Caro lina ever experienced. The new road bed was terribly washed in many just out from Elkin, was completely swept away. The train service that has been put on between Elkin and Norman's had to be annulled for four days.

. Mecklenburg Farmers' Union. Charlotte .- The monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg Farmers' Union will be held with the Carmel local in Sha ron township on June 17. The meet ings have heretofore been held on the first Saturday of each month, but it was recently decided to hold them on the first Friday of the month, for the reason that, since a great many farmers come to the city regularly every Saturday, the attendance at the union

meetings are not as largely attended as is desirable. Martin New President of Davidson. Davidson. - Dr. W. J. Martin of the chair of chemistry was on the first ballot elected president of Davidson College to succeed Dr. Henry Louis Smith who goes next month to the presidency of Washington and Lee. Dr. Martin was elected over a number of competitors for the honor, many of whom brought the highest endorsements of their fitness for the

place. Dr. Martin's election is the natural recognition of his conspicuous ly successful work as a professor in

the college. North Carolina New Enterprises.

Raleigh. - The following charters vere granted Ghent Land Company, Ghent, Craven county, with an au-thorized capital of \$125,000, with \$400 mid in by Fritz Sitterding, Richmond, Va.; J. W. Brown, Jr., Norfolk, and Va.; J. W. Brown, Jr. Norroik, and E. C. Armstrong and C. J. Mc-Carthy, New Bern. New Bern-Gheat Street Railway Company, to operate a street railway from New Bern to Gheat. The authorized capital is \$125,000, with \$300 paid in by Frits Dittedfor J. W. David in by Frits litterding J. W. Brown, Jr., and E. C Armstrong.

Politics in Rowan County. Salisbury. — At the Rowan count temocratic convention a full count chet was named: T. P. Kultz for

their tracks. board of education of the Northern branch of the Methodist church which places and the one big trestle, the one has been in session at Nashville for the past few days stating that the board had accepted Washington's

proposition and would locate the Methodist College in this city. Rocky Mount .- For the first time the history of the Rocky Mount

graded schools, there will be no commencement at the end of this season on account of the addition of another grade, which will make eleven grades. Boone.--Watauga county convention was presided over by Capt. Lovill. Delegates to state convention were instructed to vote solidly for Locke Craig for governor; Walter E Daniel for lleutenant-governor; Geo. P. Pell for corporation commissioner. A large majority favored Underwood and so the delegates were instructed for him.

Washington. - In the Democratic county convention for Beaufort county all candidates for state offices not contested were endorsed and those contested were endorsed for nomina tions as per vote of the legalized primary held.

Guilford College .- With seventy-five glorious years of history, marked with one continuous line of successful ses-sions, Guilford College celebrated its anniversary with a gathering of hosts of former students, interested patrons friends from many states and leading

educators representing various educa-tional institutions. Tryon. — Tryon Hoslery Company was recently placed in the hands of a receiver, S. M. Robinson of Lowell having been appointed to take charge of the property. The will be control.

of the property. The mill is capital-ized at \$100,000, with liabilities amounting to about \$85,000. Chapel Hill—It is gratifying to the

medical department of the University to note that with each passing year the number of medical students, who the number of medical students, who received their first two years' training here succeeded in winning important appointments. It speaks a great deal for the efficiency of our medical de-

partment. Weuthworth. — The registration for the good roads bond election has clos-ed. There has been a goodly number registered and June 4 the people will either put Rockingham in the proces-sion of progressive counties or she will "go way back and sit down." Charlotte.—The Manufacturers' Exanty judge; Kerr Craige, pronoening attornoy; T. D. Brown, state lensts; P. B. Cariton and Walter Kurphy for the Legislature; J. H. Miller, register of desds; P. C. Barutardit, surveyor; T. W. Somerset, coroner and H. C. Trott, R. B. Haller, O. Ö. Barrison, P. A. Hartman and J. W. Peeler, for rounty

place resulted in damage estimated at Washington .-- A telegram was re- \$200,000. Greater damage only was ceived from C. A. Flinn, secretary of prevented by the use of dynamite in the chamber of commerce, who has destroying buildings in the path of been attending the meeting of the the flames. Fire apparatus from Miami and Palm Beach were hurried here in response to appeals for aid, but reached the scene too late to render service. A partial report of the loss follows: Wheeler Mercantile-Company \$10,000; Stranahan & Co., \$65,000; Everglades Grocery Company \$15,000.

> Report on Cotton Conditions. New York .- The condition of cotton on an average date of May 23-24, according to 1.977 replies of special correspondents of The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin was cent a year ago at this time, 80.2 in 1910, 82.1 in 1909, 79 in 1908 and 69 in 1907. This is 6.9 points below last year, which was the highest condition for June in 10 years, and 7.9 points better than in 1907, when similar conditions existed as now.

Adde Oplum Den to Appointments. San Francisco.-Among other ap-pointments for the comfort of passengers of the Pacific mail liner Siberia is an opium room in which Chinese smoke. So testified Charles B. Kenney, lately third officer of the vessel. in a bearing before Francis Krull, United States commissioner. Kenney was caught with opium on his person. The opium room is marked "hospital," Kenney swore, but on board ship it was commonly called "the opium den" and so far as he knew only opium smokers used it.

Guilty of Second Degree Murder. Wytheville, Va.—After deliberation two hours and a half the jury in the case of Claude Swanson Allen found the young man guilty of murder in the the young man guilty of murder in the second degree for the killing of Judge Thornton L. Massie, and recommend-ed that his punishment be fixed at 15 years in the state penitentiary at Richmond. Sentence was suspended in order that the prisonor may testfy in the other cases growing out of the shooting up of Carroll county court on March 14 hast, when the five per-sons met their deaths.

Aviator Parmules Orushod to Death North Yakima, Wash .- Aviator Philip O. Parmaise was killed while atuting a flight in an aviation exhibition. A gust of wind caught the tall of his acroplant and overturned the inschine. Parmalee had been up about three minutes on his first flight of the day and had from the dist flight

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the act way now prices—314 to \$25 for as opportunity affords. According to farmer's bulletin No. 330, of the Unit ed States department of agriculture the most available source of supply is the surplus from prirate bards, soological gardens and parks. "The roughest waste hands with a piontiful growth of underbrush, weeds, etc., and running water are best suited to the entarprise. Dest prefer to bronze on scrub growth and to est the coars-est weeds rather than the best of hay. When pasture is limited they do well on corn, oats, wild hay and alfails. "So rapidly do white-tailed deer, the common variety, increase that pre-serves soon become covertocked un-less their numbers are diminiabod from time to time. A bard of 19 bead which increases to 400 in ten years is

hich increases to 400 in ten years is no not uncommon instance. The ose naminity produce twins annually ther the second year, when they have

The Hats of Increase. "On our preserve in Pennayivania, where 00 deer were liberated ten yours ago, there are deld to be nearly 4,000 head. In many cases the feature have had to be taken down to let them escape owing to shortage of

source of profit. While in this pres-

"A large private herd in Montana serves in the mountains of the north "Many American elk have been sent to England and the continent of Europe, where they have been crossed with the European breeds, which has

very much improved them." The bill provides that anyone desiring to engage in the raising or sell-ing of domesticated American elk, white tail, red, fallow deer, roebuck from that source, and it is reasonable and proper that states where it exists should prohibit its export and sale, as is the case now in all the eastern states. The Business Would Be Profitable.

states. The Business Would Be Profitable. "The sale of game bred and main" tained in incicourse from stock which has been legitimately acquired is a to-tally different matter and abould be encouraged to the fullest extent. "Both official and unofficial reports go to show that neveral varieties of deer can be profitably raised; that they require less care and subsist upon rougher food than any of the do-mestic animals except the goat, and that their value for food purposes. So and for failing to place a distinctive red for failing to place a distin

It is also provided that the preserve shall be fenced in a manner approved by the game warden.

FACING A FAMINE.

An untimely biting frost effectuall completed the mischief done earlies by the insect enemies of Mr. Barden' The tops of the plants ich had served as pasturage sts, were entirely destroyed, and the them Mr. Barden's hopes of a sp. He was not selfish, however, with them Mr. Bardan's hopes of a crop. He was not selfish, however, and could think of others in the hour of adversity. Going to town in the afternoon, he was accosted at the push-office by James Hayes, an intensite accountingance.

Bello, Glies | How's everything up

the corners" "Trouble enough, Jim, sough!" was the gloomy r on million 'tater bugs and r 'em to est!"--Youth's Cor

No Waves. A ronng mother who attll counder aroal waves as the most fashionable ar of dressing the hair was at work

precoders child was crow father's lap, the baby fi of then sliding over the su-mary which is father's.