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PILGRIMAGE TO TOMB ...Nazareth Waist... **OF NATHANIEL MACON.** Grave of North Carolina's Greatest Statesman Now Marked

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Raieigh News and Observer, 18th

con, in the good old county of W-rren. The town dates back to 1850, when the R. & G. Railroad then in the course of construction reached that pi-ce and located a depit there. It was named in honor of Nat Macon, who lived in that vicinity, and who represented North Carolina many years in the Congress of the United States. Macon Congress of the United States. Macon has a population of about three han-dred. It lies on both sides of the rail-road, all its strets running parallel with it. The people are intelligent, refined, enterprising and thrifty, and they certainly know how to dispense a generous hospitality, as this writer; had ample opportunity to know.

ample opportunity to know. The Warrenton District Conferences was in session and for five days all the delegates and visitors, numbering sev-eral hundred, dined at a public table spread in the grove near the church, and of a truth it may be said : "They did eat and were filled, and they took up of the fragments that remained many baskets full."

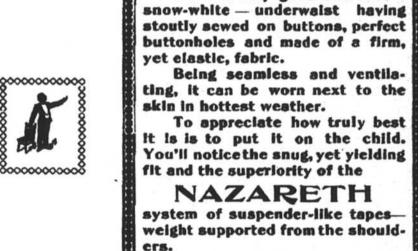
In the days of my boyloom Macon (Warren county) was my old tramping ground. I knew every person in the town and its vicibity, and I knew every father in the neighborhood who looked father in the neighborhood who looked sour in the morping after his daugh-ters had been kept up thil the wee-small hours the night before. But fifty-one years have pushed away since my last visit to Macon. What a change halt a century hath wrought! There is not a single individual in the place who we have there is 1860 we have who was living there in 1850, and but one house that was standing at that time. On the day of my arrival 1 locked over the large audience for the faces of the friends whom I had known fifty years before, but found only one, the widow of the late John B. Powell, the widow of the late show D. Fowen, of precious memory. Later in the day I met another, William Brown, who has lived mear Macon since 1825. They were all; ouly two left. But I am digressing. I did not in-tend to write about Macon and its good prople but to size an account of the

people, but to give an account of toy pligrimage to the tomb of Nathaniel Macon. All that remains of this dis-tinguished stateman and patriot lies buried at Back Spring where he lived and died. This place is several miles mathemat from the lived and died. This place is several miles northeast from the Roanoke river. I spent a night with the very interesting family of Thomas B. Fleming, whose elegant home is near Back Spring, and the next morning that gentleman was kind enough to take me over to what was once the residence of Nat Macoo. Our objective point was the grave of this great man, which we found in the edge of a skipt of woods about two hundred and fifty words from the dwelling. A more ora marte or woods about we nuesdree and fifty yards from the dwelling. A more desolate unioviting spot it is hard for one to imagine. Bocks ! rocks ! rocks ! rocks nothing but fint rocks. Rocks ou the ground, rocks in the ground, rocks everywhere. These rocks have been heaped up on the grave. forming a mound about lifteen feet long, threa feet high and eight feet wide at the base. There are two other smaller mounds nearby, which we learned were the graves of two of the grandchildren of the late Frank Thoraton. From the heap of rocks on Mr. Macon's grave In selected as a souvenir one whom the size and shape of a brick, though not quite so long, which has been placed in a collection of minerals at the Louisburg Female College. It is thus ha burg Female College. It is thus habeled: "Taken from the neglected grave of the flow. Nathaniel Macon, who for 37 consecutive years repre-sented North Carolina in the United States Congress. "The mobiest Roman of them all." July 20, 1901. To the shame of the people of North Carolina, but more especially to these of Warren county he fraid the summe of Mar county, be it said, the grave of Ma-thaniel Macoo is now the property of Hilliard Howard, a negro. We found Hilliard Howard, a negro. We found Hilliard in his field near by grassing Itiliard in his field near by grassing cotton and learning the purpose of our visit, he left his work and kindly vol-unteered to conduct us over the en-tire premises, which he did, carefully pointing out every object likely to in-terest his visitors. We found the old house in which Mr. Macon lived and reared his family and in which he was necustomed to entertain the accentric accustomed to entertain the econtric John Randolph of Romoke, who usual-ly sinited bina once a year, to be a very insignificant and unpretentione a very ly visited bins once a year, to be a very insignificant and impretentious affair. The body of the house is a single room sizteen feet square with attle above, a little'shed room in the rear and wine cellar beneath. It is now owned and nempied by Hilliard Howard, who, so far as I, could judge is a very clever colored man. He was certainly very polite and attentive to the wants of his visitors on that consion and I shall always remember his kindness with pleasure. pleasure, I found the house is a very dilapi-dated condition, the weather boarding and shingles badly decayed and falling off, The same is equally true of the other five buildings on the precises, that is greasary, orb, littehen, smoke house and dairy. If a nall has been driven or a piece of new timber used iouse and dairy. If a nati tine been driven or a piece of new timber used on the piece in fifty rears there is no visible evidence of the fact. Honsus, trees, lands, everything bears on its face the marks of neglect, decay, rula, desith. I did not go into the house not wishing to disturb the colored fam-ily occupying it, but seeing the door of the wine cellar standing ajar, I ven-tared to peep into the dark abyen be-

Becently it was the privilege and low. I was polit-ly invited to enter. pleasure of this writer to spend a few but the place reminded meso much of days in the beauliful little town of Ma-Virgil's "Facilis descensus Averni" My guide Howard the make the venture. My guide Howard taking in the situ-stion, assured me there was no danger. and to convince me of the fact, he entered first and bads me follow. I did so with many missivings, sliding to the bottom of the incline as best I could. for there were no striss. The first step landed me in mud nearly over my shoes, at the second I touched solid earth and there stood, positively re-fusing to proceed further is the dark, though urged to do so by my guide. In a few minutes the pupils of my eyes adjusted themselves to the limited amount of light in the room and I could see that the walls were of excellent march ry, the same while flut rock be-ing used in their construction that I found at the grave, at the spring, and

ing used in their construction that I found at the grave, at the spring, and averywhere else on the premises. The dwelling once shood in a magnificent grove of while oaks, containing five or six acres, but the woodman's axe had been laid at the root of many of the trees and the grove, now much dimin-lated in area, presents a very ragged appearance. I was told that the little dairy about fourteen feet square, which stands near the kitchen, was sometimes used as a bed room for the uccomoda-tion of visitors and ou two occasions at least it was used as the brids chamber. About sevenly-five yards from the house, at the frot of a gentle inctine is Buck Spring. How did the spring get the name? I asked, and this was the answer: in early times, before there was any sutlement here, before there was any settlement lere, deer frequently resorted to this spring to drink. This fact was noticed by hutters who would conceal themseres nearby and thus often get a shot at a buck." If ence the name Buck Spring. The spring was nicely walled with white flint rock of large size and there was a wall of the same kind of ruck just above and a few feet from it to

was a wall of the same kind of rock just above and a few feet from it to catch the wasbings from the bill. For sentimental reasons I desired to take a drink of water from Nat Macon's spring, atd this I essayed to do, but one swallow was enough. The water was not pleasant to the tests nor did it have that clear suarkling apparatos characteristic "good spring water. This may not always have been the case. I hope it was not, but if so then Mr. Macon and his family must have lived in bliasfil ignorance of the bleas-ings of good water. Until a few weets ago there stood within fifteen feet of the spring a gigantic poplar tree which must have been at least two hundred and fifty years old. This tree hus stood for ages as a towering senti-nel to watch over the waters of Buck Spring and protect them from the soorching rays of the sua. Under its refreshing shade the two daughters of Mr. Macon at their visitors no doub often played dolls or paddled in the branch mear by. At its base in the cool shade of the syming Mr. Macon branch near by. At its base in the cool shade of the evening Mr. Mecon and his friend, John Randolph, often and his friend, John Randorph, orten and an discussed the various acts of the last Congress or obsted about the correct events of the day. There they sat upon the roots of this giant of the forest, some of which were eightor the torms, some of which were eight-een inches above the ground, and quaffed the waters of linck Spring, inade more palatable (t may be by draw-upon the contents of the wine cellar. There was never a day is his life when Mr. Macon would have taken a thou-and chlarm in cold for the three link Ar. Macon would have taken a thou-nand dollars in gold for that tree. But a's I alsa i The vandal's axe has been laid at its root and its mighty trank hy prostrate right across the spring tearing down in its fall a part of the rock wall around it. The trunk of the tree must have been forty feet long to the first limb, and to the spe it ap-peared to be of the same size all the way. The stump, threfeet bigh, was doe feet in diameter at the top. On one of its note i walked a distance of one of its loots I walked a distance of sinty feet without touching the ground At that point the ront dipped into the earth but reappeared about twenty feet further off. "Why did you cut this tree down," I asked Hilliard If we ard, who stood by apparently much inard, who scool by apparently much in-terested in all that was said and done. The answer was : "There were bees is one of the limbs, and I cut it down for the honey, and besides 1 wanted the wood anyway." This answer showed that he was as completely des-titude of all assistance sentiment as titute of all aesthetic sentiment as the mule that he plowed on his farm. I



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new tops twice. He says that Gover-nor Bloxam denily loves the old things

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Times and Customs of Past Bays Are Prained Galy By Those Advanced in Years. Bill Arp in Allanta Constitution. How caturally mankind adapt the m-

arive to those of their kind, their sam-ser and mental condition. Birds of the same feather will fick together, and so these little graudchlidren will run away from me to frolio with other run away from me to frolic with other little tots, and it makes me jealous. Just so the next set from 10 to 12 years clan togethor. Then comes the blush ing school girls from 12 to 15, who have lengthened out their dresses and coased to pull up their garters every few min-otes as they walk about. It is the same with the boys, and when they get to be haseball expetts with a college attachment they tak of their exploits in a language that is beathen Chinese to over; body except themselves, and claim to be the elect. And so it goes on and on until we have passed out maturity, and then we veterains take

maturity, and then we veteraus take our confort in communion with veter-ans and pay our tribute to the good old But about old friends. Every veterbeinging to the platerat, who is now an has them and it gives pleasure to see them honored. The very prospect "Second -I would make the princitimes that will never return. Wet are imes that will never return. We are an masthem and in the two prospect seen to be elect. see them honored. The very prospect "Second - I would make the princi-i believe it is true that mobody but of seeing licency G. Therer in the gov-be old man and women gives ernor's chair gives me pleasure, for I and any idding opposition to the truets and syndicates which are now drushing and syndicates which are now drushing Lbe elect. the old man and women gives praise to the old times and the know him well and love him. Maybe I would hove Colonel Eatin or Pope just as well if I know them as well. I have great respect for them and am proud of their records. I believe that either would dignify the gubernatorial chair, but as Judge Underwood said to thate the sub-chair of success, but how be has no chair, but as Judge Underwood said to thate the sub-chair of success, but how be has no chair, but as Judge Underwood said to thate the sub-chair of success, but how be has no chair of success, but how be has no ousloms of their fathers, and so if every generation of oil people believe that the age of their youth was the best, then the times must have degenerated a wfully since the days of the prophets. a wfully since the days of the prophets. Have they or have they not gotten bat-ter instead of worse ? The answer is, they are better in some respects and worse in others. Pablic morals were very losse a hundred years ago. As-drew Jackson was a gambler, borse racer and duelist seventy-five years ago such a man could not be elected presi-dent now. Foreign missions and Sab-rath schools are almost sucknown. The alays trade with Africa was in full me in the long ago, "Major, let me tell you why I would like to be Gavertell you why I would like to be Gaver-nor of Gaorgia. You will admit that kn wledge is a little better than faith There are many good men whom I be-leve would make a good governor, but I don't know it. Now I know that I would; and there is a difference be-tween faith and knowledge. D n't you parceive?" Jast so I believe that Usionel Estill or Pape Brown would make a good governor but I know that Henry G. Tarner would and knowledge is better than faith. "Dun't you per-ceive?" If he is not an incorruptible. rath schools are almost upknown. The slave trade with Africa was in full blast in New England and New Eng. blast in New England and New Islar land rum was the jurchase noney. Insprisonment for debt was the law generally, and so was flogging in the navy. Whisky was unknown, but brandy and rum ware kept in sizeoft every respectable household. Illiteracy prevailed almost all over the south ex-mat among the stuteracy. There terrs ?" If he is not an incorruption annellish, brainy statesman, we have note. Let his name by presented and I believe the verdict will be as the were but few inous to read and fewer king such of Mord-dai; "Thus shall it, be do.se unto the man whom the people delight to inner."

Kaloigh Past.

Goldmith said. "I love everything that DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM POR 1904. Gordsmith said. "I low severything that is old." King James used to call for his old abors when he was tred. There is something almost sacred about the old songs, such as "Auld Lang Syne," "The Olf Orkes Bucket." "The Olf Arm Chair," and twee "Old Grimes is dead, that good old man." My trieved Tom Sowyer, of Florid , writes that he still clings to his old clothes; that he has worn his pants for years and years and had thom half sold in the sent and reinforced at the knees and rehemmed at the Uniter." As Outlined by Senator George Vest of Minnered.

Pt. Lonia Mepublie. Sweet Springs, Mo., Aug. 9.-Sena-tor George G. Voot in an interview to-day sold that the principal planks of the Democratic platform of 1904 should

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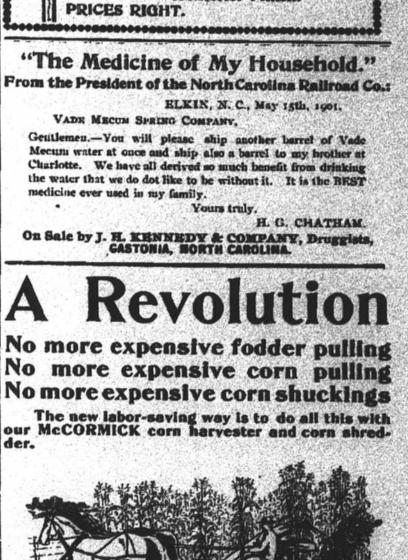
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LU LTUSLS. Thirl- A declaration against in pertaining and the colocal statem. "It would be suicidal," said the Senator "to thrust the sliver usue

forward again," Ho said further : "If I could write the platform with-

out the intervention of any new issue I der.

"First - For a graduated income tax, "First - For a graduated income tax, which is the fairest and most equal system of taxation ever invested. Our present system of national taxation in the shape of internal revenue and tariff duties makes the poor man pay the ex-presses of the Government, while the multi-milliondre, who consumes nothing from Burope except clothing, pays nothing. "But in the event of war the poor



M. S. DAVIS. Louisburg, N. U.

Chief of Police Jones. who was mordered at Shelby by Jim Lowry. was a member of the Cleveland cousty arecolations and his widow and daughter will receive \$1000-Kingr Mountain Democrat.

newspapers. There were no rallrunds or telegraphs or sewing machines. But the people were generally houset and religious. There were no trusts no

triken, no millionaires, no saicides, no robberies and a murder was a tare synat and dous in the hest of passion No doubt but that there are a hundred of these orimes committed now to one then

these orimescommitted new to our three according to population. Well, then, why straign the old people for lancent-ing that the good old times have gone? Not long ago I heard a gitted and out-tared minister of the oldentime presch a most charming and impressive ser-mon from the text is Jeremiah which reads. "Stand in the way and ask for the old paths, which is the good way and waik therein, and ye shall find rest your for souls." One of the best tests of the strength of a series is your re-mombrance of the text. When a gifted and scholarly minister is do a with it and scholarly minister is do e with it and with boly hands says, "Let ne

and scholarly minister is do e with it work to boy to match boly hande says, "Lest na pray," what a solumnoity fils the place; and the text lingers with you for years to come. It does not seems like the seet in the world, extends to come of putties and see a criptors "The old paths." Is the best in the world, extends "walk ye in the old paths." Is the best in the world, extends ringing in my ears ever sizes. Is the best in the world, extends in the world. Solids, Bolis, Ulcers, Ifruites, Aobes, Pains and all skin Ernptions. Only infallible file Cure. 250 a log at the trust, old mines to read." And

more chance against the trusts then an infant against the champion pris-

an infant against the champlon priz-fighter of the world. "I was hold receasily by a prominent broker of New York City, a very sorn-et Republican, that nine men m New York four of a hom, J. Fissport Mor-gan, George Gould, John D. Rockefel-ler and James J. Hill, control the Onances of the United States, and, as he expressed it, no one could go into a new enterprise or remain in au aid one without the consent of these nine

men "Third -- I would declare against im-periation and the colonial system. For a while this space was before the cons-try in 1900 "

The Senator reports the Assettion of his belief that William J. Bryan is re-nonable for William J. Bryan is re-prombin for the sufficiency of the Pairs treaty which resulted in the present colorimi policy.

The Phrase Rot Lincoln's ailagton Rear.

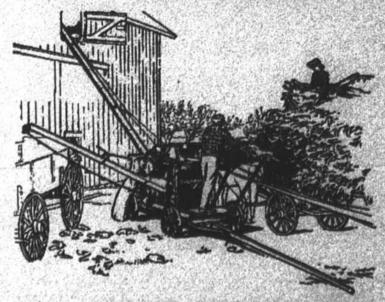
According to the present outlook, all canned vegetables will be high, or at least command profitable prices next Wilsington Ray. The physics, a government of the prople, for the people and by the repla-is supposed to be of quite modern ar-ight and is sometimes attributed to Abratum Liccoln as its author. But Mrs. Merwether, of St. Louis, says is dates back to 1524, when the Wighliffe Bible was published, the prefsee of which coutains this seatence: "This bible is for the government of the peo-ple by the people for the people." Since then also has found that 15 ind been used at different times substantially in here words by a dozen or more speakat least command profitable prices next winter and spring. Not only should canning establishments hear this is mind, but every family should adopt methods for putting up vagetables and leach fraits as can be had. The con-sumption of vegetables, fresh, canned or preserved, is rapidly growing, and that of meats in a measure decreasing. This is well, for the health of the con-sumers. Therefore, such fruits and we stables as our farmers and truck-This is well, for the basis of the outer and success. Therefore, such fruits and regulaties as our farmers and truck-gardaces may not be able to sell fresh should be canned or preserved as far as may be. It will save as well as ferch unney to the family and mid to the general insuits. hese words by a dozen or more speak-is in this and other countries.

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